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Thu 0630 WRMI 9955 [sometimes first airing]

Thu 1300 WRMI 9955

Thu 2000 WBCQ 7415

Fri 0100 WBCQ Area 51 5110-CUSB

Fri 0200 WRMI 9955

Fri 1230 WRMI 9955

Fri 1530 WRMI 9955

Fri 2130 WWCR1 7465

Sat 0900 IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA 9510 [pre-empted until January]

Sat 0900 WRMI 9955

Sat 1430 WRMI 9955

Sat 1730 WWCR3 12160

Sat 1900 IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA 6170

Sat 2000 WRMI 9955

Sun 0330 WWCR3 5070

Sun 0730 WWCR1 3215

Sun 0900 WRMI 9955

Sun 1230 South Herts Radio 5835

Sun 1615 WRMI 9955

Sun 2000 WRMI 9955

Mon 0600 WRMI 9955

Tue 1200 WRMI 9955

Tue 1630 WRMI 9955
Tue 2000 WBCQ 7415

Wed 0800 WRMI 9955 [sometimes first airing]
Wed 1630 WRMI 9955
Wed 1930 South Herts Radio 3935
Wed 2000 WBCQ 7415

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** ABKHAZIA. "Speaking Sukhumi, Abkhazkoye Radio" is heard Mon-Fri 0430-0447 UT and native songs till 0500 UT on 9495, 9535, MW 1350 and after 0500 UT (without 9535) with program in Abkhazian. Later relay Radio Rossii 4 on same 9495 kHz till 0700 UT and again Sukhumi program 0700-0800 (sometimes till 0810) UT. One Monday of the month is not on the air on SW 0430-0810 UT due to maintenance? (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Dec 1, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 4 via DXLD)

** AFRICA? 4820.76, at 1533, Dec 5 (Sat.). Is it possible that Botswana is here? Mostly man and woman in long conversation; 1603-1622 segment of indigenous string instrument, very repetitive and slow tempo. Best in USB to get away from Tibet, which caused moderate to heavy QRM. Certainly had the feel of an African station, but who? I last heard this on Nov 28 (UNID in DXLD 9-083), also a Saturday. Do they only broadcast on Saturday? Clearly not on the air Dec 6 and do not recall hearing this on weekdays. Need help with this one! (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, Et n E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALASKA. On Dec 8 I checked the dirmna yg and the DRM.DX fora, and there is NOTHING there about the 4845 DRM tests reported in DXLD, and on last week's WORLD OF RADIO 1489; so the DRM community seems to be

blissfully unaware that these have started already in November. They might have heard WOR if anyone were broadcasting it in DRM, or might not (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA [and non]. 6100, Radio Tirana, Shijak, at *0429 on 12/3. IS, W with ID and news. Good. They had the modulation set at the whisper level! (Gerry Dexter, Lake Geneva, WI, NRD-545, Tentec 340, Parker balanced doublet, Mark (MK-1) antennas, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

Re 9-083: RRI Romania left 6000 kHz (Radio Tirana Italian 1800 and 2001 UT) on Friday Dec 4th. Interference ended on Thur Dec 3rd (Wolfgang Bischel, Dec 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Friday evening the 4th, at 2000 UT, Shijak was alone on 6000 with a fairly good strength signal and better - louder - audio. But there was still plenty of fading (Noel Green, ibid.)

** ALBANIA. Drita, I have not checked the R. Tirana webstream in quite a while but did so tonight at 0125-0145+ UT Sunday. The stream is playing but nothing is heard. Is anyone monitoring this at the station? <http://radiotirana.funkhaus.info:8000/listen.pls> (Glenn to Drita «iÁo, R. Tirana Monitoring, UT Dec 6, via DXLD)

I just tuned into the stream and there is the Albanian language programming on the air. Also the German language programs were on the stream the last days without problems. Is there a program scheduled for Sunday 0125-0145 UT? Best regards (Christian Milling, Germany, who set up the stream, 2301 UT Dec 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Certainly, English at 0130-0145, after Albanian, tho there may have been a pause of a few minutes.

I checked the web stream and also SW Monday night = early UT Tuesday.

Apparently what's on the stream does not necessarily match what is on the air. Is it planned this way? Is there a specific different schedule for the webcasts?

At 0236 UT I brought up the stream early, I thought, and the English broadcast was already in progress, soon going from news to press review. 0242 wrapping up. Modulation quality fine, and the theme music sounds of good quality, but the interval signal after it sounds like a worn-out recording even on the webcast. The label on the winamp player shows 0245-0300 even tho it is not yet 0245!

Then when it is really 0245, the English broadcast starts over on the stream. I then check 6130, but cannot hear Radio Tirana. European

conditions are quite poor tonight.

0320 I check the stream again but now there is no connexion ``service unavailable''. At 0345, when the SW broadcast is in progress again, the stream is still unavailable. I check 6150 and can barely hear the RT announcer, and there is a fast subaudible heterodyne indicating another weak signal on the frequency. Again, conditions from Europe are very poor tonight, with the usually big signal from Spain on 6055 quite poor.

What could the other station on 6150 be? The possibilities I can find are Perm, Yakutsk and Bayrak, Cyprus. Under these poor European conditions probably Yakutsk would be most likely. I hope that when conditions from Europe improve, Radio Tirana will have no trouble surpassing it as was the case earlier in the season (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Good morning,

>Apparently what's on the stream does not necessarily match what is on the air. Is it planned this way? Is there a specific different schedule for the webcasts?

The webencoder is in parallel to one of the two audiooutputs to the transmitters (serving e.g. Mediumwave 1458). I think the schedule depends on which audiorouting is used.

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Yes, that is a real pity; I like the music (is my ringtone on the cellphone). As far as I can remember, the interval signal had some musical variations, now it's only the main theme. Perhaps this recording is a bit better:

http://www.intervalsignals.net/sounds/alb-radio_tirana_xs_271108.mp3

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There should be 2 labels: "Coming up" (before the show, when there is no modulation) and "Now On Air" (during the program). Best regards from cold Germany (Christian Milling, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That recording from 2008-2009 season is also pretty low audio quality, but it does have the variations (gh, DXLD)

** ANTARCTICA. 15476, at 1808 22 Oct, LRA36, OM, YL news, IDs and Latin music, regular here on Anglesey but very strong and clear on

this day, SI0 555 (Mark Davies, Malltraeth, Anglesey, UK, FT840, vertical antennae for 20 / 40m (Dec BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Yay, perfect reception! But did you or anyone hear it in November or so far in December? (gh, DXLD)

** ANTARCTICA. XR9JA ñ PRAT, BASE NAVAL CAPITAN, ANTARTICA CHILENA
XilÛfono romeo 9 Juliet alfa

El Radio Club de Concepcîn, entidad asociada al Radio Club de Chile, ha organizado una DXpedition al territorio Antártico, como un homenaje de los Radioaficionados a la celebraciûn del Bi-Centenario de Chile. Esta expediciûn se llevará a cabo entre el 4 y el 29 de enero del 2010 desde la Base Naval Arturo Prat en la Isla Greenwich.

Coordenadas 62° 30' S ñ 59° 41' W, Shetland del Sur. La estaciûn XR9JA estará activa desde el díâ 10 al 25 de enero 2010 aproximadamente, en bandas de radioaficionados entre los 6 y 160 Mts. Para mayores informaciones de las frecuencias se puede consultar en:

<http://www.ce5ja.cl> y en <http://www.qrz.com>
La expediciûn estará disponible para radioaficionados o/y radioescuchas de todo el mundo (BOLETÓN ESCUCHAS DEL MUNDO, DICIEMBRE 2009 via DXLD)

Article has some nice photos of the base, where all the buildings are painted bright red, just like Argentina's Base Esperanza, closer to the mainland, from which the Chilean base is not too far.

Chile apparently considers Greenwich part of its territory, but I assume it is international territory as in the Antarctic Treaty, even tho geographically part of the South Shetlands, and not British territory like South Georgia? Here's more about that location:
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greenwich_Island_\(South_Shetland_Islands\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greenwich_Island_(South_Shetland_Islands))
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 2368.5 kHz, Radio Symban on air, Greek music, report to myself, 400 watts. Regards (John Wright, NSW, dxer @ fl.net.au 1053 UT Dec 3, ARDXC via DXLD)

Re DXLD 9-083: In response as to why the transmitter was not left on, 11/12 November.

Radio Symban. The reason why the transmitter was turned off after two days, was simply it was a test transmission. This was a test simply because of interference issues in the August programme. To enable the 1 kW to be reached, several more components had to be changed out. This has happened, so this is a new round of tests to make sure to go from a nominal power of 400 watts to 1 kilowatt, doesn't cause

interference issues.

The government our here in Australia don't like dodgey transmitters and systems, and quite rightly so. Pity Cuba, India and a few others didn't have the same responsible governance. If there are issues, well these will be rectified. Regards, Glen[n], and all the SWLers/Dxers for a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year (John Wright, Australian Radio DX Club, 1940 UT Dec 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

John Wright of ARDXC reports that Radio Symban is back on the air, 2368.5 kHz, now with 400 watts. I heard this one with non-stop Greek music back in November when it was running only 80 watts. This, of course, was using the GlobalTuners node near Brisbane, Australia. Nonetheless, that reception was not bad over a distance of about 400 miles.

Chances of hearing it direct, here in Wisconsin, even running 400 watts, while perhaps possible back in 1980 -- after all, I did receive sub-kilowatt transmissions from RPDKs in Indonesia during that Golden Age - odds are slim that it could be heard direct these days. However, this one has been logged WCNA by Ron Howard and others, so this could be useful info to you guys (Don Jensen, WI, Dec 3, NASWA yg via DXLD)

2368.5, 12/4, R. Symban heard at S4-5 level from Global Tuner site in Brisbane from 0815 tune with Greek music and call-in requests to a man announcer. Program was in Greek. The reported increase in power was from 80 to 400 watts but on 12/4 they were still at 200 watts per Tom Tsamouras, one of the station DJ's in an e-mail QSL this date. They plan to gradually increase power to 1 kW as various technical issues are worked out. Thanks to Don Jensen, John Wright (Australian DXer) and ARDXC for supplying the original "on-the-air" heads-up (Don) back on Nov 12 and details on power increase and testing (John/ARDXC). Retuned at 1710 this date from GT site in Woodridge (Brisbane metro area) and R Symban was a bit weaker with more static but still nearly armchair level (Bruce Churchill, Fallbrook CA, Dec 4, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

2368.5, Radio Symban. Dec 4 only heard an open carrier; below threshold level during checks from 1258 to 1515. Unable to even tell if there was any music being played. Frankly they had better reception back in July with only 50 Watts, than today. Overall propagation today was very good. Earlier today I listened to a recording made by Bruce Churchill via a Brisbane receiver of Global Tuners and they had very good reception there, so I had hoped for better results than I had. Perhaps as they continue to increase the power I will be able to hear some audio from them again (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

2368.49, R. Symban: Was surprised to get a peak on the signal at times on the Perseus spectrum display this morning 5 Dec in the 1235-1250 time frame, and even thought I had some talking briefly around 1242. Highly tentative though. The other 120 mb Aussies were OK, not particularly good. I think Symban should come in on a good morning. Got this e-mail response yesterday:

Hi Dave, Symban programming is certainly 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Regarding the 2368 khz, we are currently testing on this frequency with the intention of being permanantly in near future. Our current power is less than 200 watts. Regards, Tom Tsamouras
<http://www.radiosymban.com.au> (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 2325, VL8T, ABC NT Service (presumed); 1119, 6-Dec; English interview, not // 6020 RA in English. Poor, but much better than 2310 & 2485 barely detectable (Harold Frodge, MI, DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. Re 9-083, CVC: First I would try to find out if the mention of CVC going online-only (really online only, or will the Thaicom satellite signal be kept, too?) concerns only English or the complete CVC operation in Australia.

If the latter is the case: Actually the ABC cannot get the Darwin site back, since they never owned it. I understand that the broadcasting transmitters in Australia where run by a governmental authority that has been privatized in 1999:

<http://www.broadcastaustralia.com.au/the-company/history>

Would Broadcast Australia be interested in taking back the Darwin transmitter plant if Christian Vision will really pack their bags here? If fear in this case a complete closure would be the most likely scenario (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Dec 3, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

By the way, since when aims the English CVC program entirely at audiences in India? See <http://www.cvcradio.in>

I think when I last checked its online presence still run through the <http://www.cvc.tv> portal page. Not so anymore, this one now links to Chinese and Indonesian only.

Could this be related to their withdrawal from J.lich? It seems that Christian Vision planned to serve the UK in DRM mode from there, at least such transmissions of the English programme took place (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Dec 5, ibid.)

** AUSTRALIA. Re CVC stopping SW from Cox Peninsula? --- It is rarely

that a non Christian and many Christian too will go browsing for online shows like CVC on the web. Furthermore, when there is so much one has to do, if and when someone has access to a computer in Asia and even more when there is Internet connectivity, looking for radio stations will be way down the list. In all my life since getting a free Internet Broadband connection, I have to force myself to access streaming for any broadcaster for that matter. If I listen to SW radio (not DXing) a 10000 [sic] hours, I might spend a minute on streaming audio --- frankly not even that.

On the SW, unintentionally people can get exposed to a message and then start listening if the programming is good. The chances that it will happen on the Internet would be 1 in a million!

Hope RA will come back like the service to Burma/Myanmar. Now they have to build an audience from scratch having been the top station in the world at the point they went off.

When budgets get hit, stations try to get listeners to pay for their listening. A good balance of SW, Web, FM placements will be necessary for success (Victor Goonetilleke, 4S7VK, Sri Lanka, Nov 28, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 4 via DXLD)

??? While no one will dispute that I am an enthusiastic SWL, I am also an enthusiastic web listener. I can't imagine why anyone with broadband would not make use of it for listening too. But if your hypothesis is correct, I'm all for gospel huxters dropping SW for webcasting (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

On October 5, CVC Australia wrote to me: Unfortunately CVC is moving out of SW in the near future. We have found fewer and fewer listeners using SW in recent months, even in the developing countries to which we broadcast. Instead, we are looking to use the newer platforms that our audience is more familiar with - webstreaming etc, for instance (Takahito Akabayashi, Japan, Nov 29, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 4 via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DXLD)

I was very interested to receive your email about CVC leaving the former Radio Australia site in Darwin. If I remember correctly, CVC had a 10 year lease and I guess it must be about 10 years since they moved in. It would be wonderful for RA to get Darwin back - if they have a budget and can afford it! (Gordon Brown, from Japan, Nov 29, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 4 via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DXLD)

From the 2002 WRTH: Christian Vision purchased the former Radio Australia Darwin transmitter site in June 2000. 2002 Handbook is first that lists transmissions from there. Last Handbook that lists Radio Australia using Darwin is 1997 (Mike Barracough-UK, World DX Club

Contact: December DX News Nov 30 via BC-DX Dec 4 via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DXLD)

After 10 years - maybe - CVC can sell the three transmitters to VTC-former Merlin worldwide coverage company [now called VT-group]; or goes back the ABC of left wing Australian Government in future ?

CVC seems are to be hardpressed for money now,
-- cut back Chile relay first,
-- closed Juelich site,
-- and will now sell? the strategic Darwin site.

Otherwise I guess these aggressive evangelical Protestant missions may rent also SW broadcast hours on various other locations in future. In order to cover Indian subcontinent and South Asia too, like using via VTC/VTG Singapore relay, probably IBB PHL/SAI/MRA also in future? UAE VTC/VTG leased, via Middle East CIS countries like TJK/ARM/KAZ/UZB, or/and via Siberian transmitter sites in Russia (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 1 via DXLD)

** AUSTRIA. The enclosed posting suggests that the Moosbrunn transmitters will stay in operation after yearend. The following schedule for a remaining token service of ORF programming as of Jan 1st 2010 is given:

Mon-Fri 0600-0715 and Sat-Sun 0600-0710 on 6155, Mon-Sat 1300-1330 on 17855, Tue-Sun 0000-0030 and 0030-0100 on 7325 plus 0130-0200 [sic] on 9840.

If so the transmissions for overseas targets would remain unchanged, with the exception of being limited to workdays (usually night slots are considered as belonging to the previous day, accordingly they are given below). But the service to Europe would be limited very much to just a morning transmission.

If this is correct it could be expected that the transmissions for third parties (i.e. bookings placed by VT, MB and AWR) will continue without changes (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

[A-DX] ORF-ORS ab 2010 auf Kurzwelle

Hi! <ber die Kurzwelle aus Moosbrunn (bei Wien) wird es ab 2010 ein sendezeitengek,rztes Programm geben wie folgt:

Richtung Europa:
0600-0710 t%gliche, (Mo-Fr bis 0715) auf 6155 kHz

Richtung N-Amerika:
0030-0100 (nur Mo-Sa) 7325 kHz

Richtung C-Amerika:
0000-0030 (nur Mo-Sa) 7325 kHz

Richtung S-Amerika:
0130-0200 (nur Mo-Sa) 9840 kHz [sic]

Richtung Asien(Fernost) und Australien:
1300-1330 (nur Mo-Sa) 17855 kHz

Sendesprache deutsch. vy 73 Harald S_{ss}, ADXB (ADX via Ludwig, ibid.)

Austria: ORF - Radio Oe1 International - BC from 2010 --- Dear DX friend, there are only 3 hrs/day on Shortwave from Austria with their own Programme. But they are still alive. This information just arrived from the ORF/ORS. vy 73+55 (Harald, ADXB - Austrian DX Board, P. O. Box 1000, A-1081 Vienna, Austria (Europe) mailto: adxbsuess @ aon.at via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

Attached a jpg of the very brief sked in spreadsheet, contradicting the version above, with 0100-0130 not 0130-0200 (gh, DXLD)

No, the graphical schedule Harald sent Yimber shows the final transmission will still be at 0100-0130, not 0130-0200, on 9840 to S Amerika. Note that the 6155 hours should still include the English and French morning news on the domestic service, and thus still be available for the later broadcasts, not just German. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Concerning the programming: There appears to be quite some confusion. Harald S_{ss} has been told that the English and French news "will not be used" for the shortwave transmissions. But at the same time it has been confirmed to him that 6155 will still be $\div 1$ as on FM and satellite, so in all likelihood these news will still appear here.

17855 has been described as a recording of Morgenjournal. Probably this indicates a complete recording of $\div 1$ from 0600 to 0630. The transatlantic transmissions are described as containing Abendjournal, which would be recorded $\div 1$ from 1700 to 1725. I suspect in these cases the English/French news could indeed be gone, with just plain, unedited recordings going out, no differentiated selection of items anymore.

Harald S_{ss} also says that this remaining service has been agreed between ORF and ORS for three years. If so Moosbrunn would be more or less safe until 2012 (Kai Ludwig, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 1000 KW DRM COMPATIBLE MW TRANSMITTER FORMALLY INAUGURATED AT BANGLADESH

Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina formally inaugurated newly commissioned 1000 kilowatt medium wave transmitter of Bangladesh Betar set up at a cost of more than 35 crore taka at Dhamrai today. Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad, local law makers and a large number of local people, among others, were present on the occasion.

This new solid-state 1000 kW medium wave (MW) transmitter replaces the 36 year old valve type 1000 kW MW transmitter. The new transmitter is compatible for DRM (Digital Radio Mondiale) broadcasts in future. The new transmitter of super power transmitting station at Dhamrai, Dhaka is the heart of the Bangladesh Betar & is used to broadcast radio programme covering 95% area of the Country. It broadcasts centrally produced radio programmes and plays an important role during natural disaster.

Bangladesh Betar Dhaka Station broadcasted the inaugural function live while Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Rangpur and Sylhet regional stations of Bangladesh Betar relayed the proceedings simultaneously. The super power transmitter was originally commissioned on an area of 63 acres of land at Dhamrai with the assistance of the then Soviet Union government at the interest and direction of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1972. The broadcasting formally began on 16th may in 1976 (Source? Via Alokesha Gupta, New Delhi, India, Dec 9, dxldyg via DXLD)

WTFK? Who cares about such a minor detail. But the old one was on 693 kHz (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** BANGLADESH. 4750, presumed Bangladesh Betar Shavar, 1109-1135, Nov 30, vernacular. M announcer with talk in unID language; bit of vocal music; various announcers until wind instrument bit and W announcer at BoH, joined by M; poor;

[Also] 1120-1142, Dec 1, vernacular. M & W with talk and Hindi-like music selections; tentative jingle at BoH; poor; not // 5030-CNR 1; GeoClock shows a nice greyline between New Hampshire & Bangladesh at this time (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, NH USA, NRD-545, RX-350D, MLB1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELARUS. New 6070, 0725-0745 05.12, Belaruskaje Radyo 1, Brest, Belarusian talks, jingles 22332 heard // 6010 and 6040. New morning transmission (Anker Petersen, on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire heard here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdyg via DXLD)

** BELGIUM. Another opportunity for DXers located in the Americas, it was noted that during November there were several nights during which Radio Vlaanderen Info, Wolvertem operated overnight on 927 kHz. If I recall correctly, this transmitter is kept on air if the local weather at the transmitter site is freezing ñ presumably to stop the transmitter equipment cooling down too much, or perhaps the antenna icing over. Does anyone know the exact reason? (Steve Whitt, Dec MW News via DXLD)

** BELGIUM. 9665, 09/12 1820, RTBF Int, em French, desde Wavre, com 100 kW, pop mx, ±s 1821 UT YL com a ID e cumprimenta com boa noite, apÙs o som de foca!! O programa n„o È igual ao da frequÍncia de 9970 kHz. Em 9970 kHz o azimute È 167 e em 9665 khz 162 da mesma cidade. Fala sobre assuntos ambientais. As 1836 m'sica suave. Moderada QRM de fundo da R Voz Mission·ria. Como a YL fala muito no Mediterr,neo e as 1840 UT toca curta mx .rabe entre as falas, parece ser uma tx para o mediterr,neo. 33443 (Jorge Freitas, SWL1023B
Escutas (listening): <http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006>
Blog DX: <http://www.ipernity.com/home/75006>
Feira de Santana Bahia - Brasil, Degen 1103, Antena Dipolo de 16 metros Balun 4:1 DireÁ,ºo Leste/Oeste, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** BIAFRA [non]. NIGERIA/UK. Radio Biafra from London has been absent for some time now (formerly on 12050 from 1900-2000 daily). I first noted it missing on 02/10/2009. With best wishes from: (James MacDonell, Niger State, Nigeria, Dec 8, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. UNID. 5956.78v to 5957.77, 0935-0945, December 09, Andean music non stop, 34333 ønew frequency for Radio Pio XII? Now at 2335 UT I hear Radio Pio XII in 5952.17 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 6075, R Kawsachun Coca, Lauka. December, 08. Aymara 0837-0851 folk music alternating male talks, many mentions of iBolivia. Deterioring, at peak 33533. 73's (L'cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 6134.77, Radio Santa Cruz, 0104-0107*, Dec 2. Tuned in just before sign off; gave frequencies; clear ID: iRadio Santa Cruzí; Bolivian flute music till off (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOTSWANA [and non]. BOTSWANA IGNORES ZIM THREATS OVER VOA
BAME PIET, Staff Writer
<http://www.mmegi.bw/index.php?sid=1&aid=186&dir=2009/December/Friday4>

Botswana has said it no longer listens to complaints from Zimbabwe over the Voice of America broadcasts relayed through its territory.

Zimbabwe government newspaper - The Herald - published a story this week accusing Botswana of hosting what it called 'pirate radio station' from Voice of America (VOA). The paper said that Zimbabwe will make a formal complaint to Botswana over VOA. Zimbabwe accuses VOA of beaming hate messages to its people, in violation of the power-sharing agreement.

Zimbabwe says this threatens the survival of its coalition government. The Herald accused the Botswana government of lobbying for regime change in Zimbabwe.

However, the coordinator of Botswana government Communications and Information Services (BGCIS), Dr Jeff Ramsay said yesterday that they are used to the threats but they can do little because nothing illegal is going on. He said that VOA does its broadcasting from Washington in the United States and Botswana is only hosting its relay station in Selebi-Phikwe.

He said that there are many European, American, French, and Chinese Short Wave and Medium Wave radio stations with relays in Africa. "For instance, South Africa is hosting a relay for BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation)," he said. He said that he is aware that the VOA programme (Studio 7) that Zimbabwe is complaining about is produced in Washington by Zimbabweans and it touches on the situation in that country and to some extent it is critical.

He stated that Botswana will not just terminate the agreement it has with VOA for as long as it is in the best interest of the country. The VOA has had a relay station in Botswana since the early 1970s but Zimbabwe started complaining about it in 2003.

The Herald reported that Zimbabwe made a formal complaint about the VOA broadcasts last year through the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Co-operation and it would soon raise the matter with Gaborone. "We made a complaint and the Organ said the issues should be addressed bilaterally through the Committee on Defence and Security and the Joint Permanent Commission," the paper quoted a Zimbabwe Foreign Affairs official as saying.

The Herald reported that the matter is set to be discussed at the next meeting of the committee on Defence and Security and the Botswana-Zimbabwe Joint Permanent Commission on a date yet to be announced. Attempts to get a comment from newly appointed High Commissioner of Botswana to Zimbabwe, Gladys Kokorwe did not bear

fruit as her mobile phone was off (via Alokesha Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, India, dxldyg via DXLD)

Another version: VOA's "Studio 7" labelled a "threat to national security" --- **Botswana snubs Zim on radio stations**
<http://www.newzimbabwe.com/news-1426-Botswana-snubs-Zim-on-radio-stations-news.aspx>
(via Dale Park, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 3365, presumed R. Cultura Araraquara, 0043-0100, Dec 1, Portuguese. Lite pops & ballads; brief announcer at 0049; wiped out at ToH by big het via 3364; poor listening in ECSS-LSB (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-545, RX-350D, MLB1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non]. BRASIL: 4845.25, ZYF278, R·dio Cultura Ondas Tropicais; 0116-0130+, 5-Dec; M in Portuguese with pop & Andean tunes; Promo at 0120 with frequency, and Manaus Brasil. SIO=3+22+ with variety chorus of ute chirps. 1020-1028+, 6-Dec; Baladas & peppy pop tunes in Portuguese, Ondas Tropicais only ID at 1028. SIO=323, ute pulses (Harold Fodge, MI, DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4845.2, R. Cultura Ondas Tropicais, Manaus AM, 2250-2304*, 06 Dec, songs, state anthem (?) at 2300 and abrupt closure; 35343. Mauritania 4845 off again. This was Brazil's strongest signal on the band (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4915, ZYF360, Rdf Macap.; 0631...0702+, 5-Dec; M in Portuguese with variety pop music & talk over music, several mentions of Brasil; Macap. promo at 0651. SIO=3+23-, swiper QRM (Harold Fodge, MI, DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. R·dio "Daqui" Anhanguera retorna nos 4915 khz --- Por 1 breve perÌodo de duas semanas, a emissora de Goi,nia voltou a ser captada na faixa dos 60 metros. ñs 8:00 hrs da manh,, de BrasÌlia [1000 UT], escutei ela aqui em Cap,,o da Canoa (RS) SINPO 24432 (...dison Bocorny Jr., Brasil, Dec 3, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. Re 9-083: 5940 kHz! J. est. no ar a nova emissora de Cambori· em Santa Catarina com SINPO. 55555. Deve se tratar da VÙz Misson·ria. QRA: Edison Bocorny Jr. QTH: Cap,,o da Canoa- RS Eis o link da Igreja Gideies Mission·rios confirmado a nova frequÍncia em 49 metros: <http://www.gideoes.com.br/index.php/GMUH/campanha.html> (...dison Bocorny, Jr., Brasil, Dec 2, radioescutas yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DXLD)

5940. Voz Mission·ria, Cambori·, Santa Catarina, heard overnight on Dec. 7, with religious preacher and call-in. QRK æ (Horacio A. Nigro,

Montevideo, Uruguay, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST) That's the brand new station recently reported to have been authorized (gh, DXLD)

5940, Brasil, R. Paz no Vale, Cambori' (studios certainly are in Cambori' but are transmitters too?), Santa Catarina. December 08, Portuguese, 0818-0835 program iAlvorada Sertanejaí sertanejo music with religious lyrics, ads iPanificadora dos Saboresí, i"tica da Famíliaí, male talks with some religious content, iRadio Paz no Valeí. 44434 73's (L'cio Ot.vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re.: Brazilian on 5940. QSX them as Voz Mission·ria, on Dec. 7. QRK 3/4. Which one is the real QRA? (Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. Gazeta novamente em 49 metros --- J· est· no ar em 5955 kHz, a R·dio Gazeta de S,,o Paulo com SINPO 44433 (Edison Bcorny jr. Cap,,o da Canoa- RS, Dec 8, radioescutas yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DXLD)

Edison, Tente 9685, est,,o no ar tambÈm. E ainda, no domingo passado captei um 'murm·rio¥ da Gazeta em 15325. O SDR-IQ mostrou a portadora na tela do computador, com um traÁo que caracterizava que havia de fato um sinal de uma emissora. Checando com 890 kHz (Gazeta ondas mÈdias), o tal de 'murm·rio¥ batia com o que estava sendo transmitido pelas ondas mÈdias. 73, (Rudolf Grimm, S,,o Bernardo, SP, ibid.)

Exatamente! A Gazeta tambÈm retornou em 31 metros nos 9685 Khz h. cerca de duas semanas. PorÈm, o ·udio historicamente nesta continua baixo. Em 15325 khz por vezes chega em breves momentos. Em 5955 Khz È a emissora de S,,o Paulo com o melhor sinal por aqui independente do azimute. Tanto a Casper LÌbero quanto ‡ Band e Aparecida, histÛricamente sempre zelaram por suas frequÍncias de Ondas Curtas. 73¥s (...dinho, Novo Hamburgo, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. 6009.95, R·dio InconfidÍncia, 0030-0125, Dec 5, Portuguese ballads. Several US ballads from the 50s and 60s. Portuguese talk. ID. Poor with adjacent channel splatter (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** BRAZIL. 6070.05, Radio Capital? Rio de Janeiro, 0340-0415+, Dec 3, tentative with Portuguese preacher. Short music breaks. Portuguese talk. No ID heard. Poor with adjacent channel splatter. Running parallel to Super Radio Deus e Amor frequencies 9565.07 and also 6060 weak under Cuba (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

Brian, Yes, the B stn heard on 6070 is indeed R.Capital, and their religious propaganda menu derives from SDRA-Super R·dio Deus È Amor. Pse. note it's "È", meaning "is", not "e", i.e. "and." 73, (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, ibid.)

** BRAZIL [and non]. 6185, RNA, *0631 Dec 4, wiping out XEPPM which was playing some nice Mexican music. The earliest I have caught BrasÌlia cutting on so far. Altho quite different, I might enjoy the Brazilian music too except I resent what they are doing to Mexico, and Radio EducaciÛn still has enough co-channel signal to make RNA listening unpleasant (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also MEXICO

** BRAZIL. Brasileir,,o na Band --- A bandeirantes deu show ontem com JosÈ Silverio narrando 4 jogos ao mesmo tempo. Acredito ser inÈdito isso no radio. Acompanhei pelos 9645 kHz (Anderson JosÈ Torquato Garopaba-SC, Dec 1, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Realmente. A Band com JosÈ SilvÈrio deu um banho de transmiss,,o. O prÙprio JosÈ SilvÈrio È que bolou irradiar diante de 4 monitores. Com um repÙrter em cada campo, pronto. Mas precisou da categoria do JosÈ SilvÈrio pra fazer o que foi feito. O r·dio superou a TV em imediatismo (Luiz Chaine Neto, Limeira SP, ibid.)

Someone was narrating four games at once on the radio, from watching four TV monitors; what an unparalleled achievement (gh, DXLD)

** BRAZIL [and non]. 9675, Brazilian YL musing about some ``senhor'', Dec 7 at 0607, and on stronger 9645 similar YL but not //, with OM discussing copa do mundo. Obviously 9675 was CanÁ,o Nova, and 9645 Bandeirantes, both from SP state. Hardly anything else audible on 31m, worst night in quite a while for the band after 0600: no WYFRs to be heard! Typically they are strong to extremely strong on 9680, 9715, less so but well audible on 9355, 9985. Only other significant signal was regular RA Brandon, Australia on 9660 plus a rippling SAH which could only be Vatican. Checked the other Brazilian frequencies but nothing much on them either (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11765, 2/12 2104, Deus È Amor, "A Voz do Brazil", fair. Rx: EKD 315, Yaesu FRG-7, Trio 9R-59DS, Drake R8, ant: T2FD, QTH Milano, Italia (Giampiero Bernardini, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Reminds us of two things: during DST, original airtime of this government show is one hour earlier, 21-22; and even gospel-huxter outlets may carry it; rules have been relaxed and some stations manage to avoid it or put it on in the nightmiddle (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11814.98, Radio Brasil Central, 0320-0337, Dec 3, talk in Portuguese. Local pop music. Weak but readable. Better on // 4985 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** BULGARIA [and non]. The outlets of Radio Bulgaria Plovdiv on 6200 kHz at 2000-2100 UT have got a NEW PROBLEM. Since November 23 the RRI/SNR Romania covers co-channel, even here in Germany

6200 2000-2100 27,28 PLD 300 306 0 237 German BUL RBU
6200 2030-2100 28SW TIG 100 270 0 805 Serbian ROU RRO

Mixture of both programmes on 6200 kHz like R Bulgaria German service and RRI Bucharest in Serbian language. See also collision of RRI and Radio Tirana broadcasts under Albania also in bc-dx #940 (Wolfgang Bischel, Nov 26, wwdx BC-DX TopNews Dec 4 via DXLD)

15700, R. Bulgaria, usual strong signal at S9+18, Dec 9 at 1430, talking Bulgarian over accordion combo, about the EU, parliament, presidency; too bad the modulation is rather distorted (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BURKINA FASO. Hi Glenn, When listening to Radio Rossiia coming in with good signals this morning, Dec. 4th, I noted an African station signing on at about 0800 on 7230 kHz, with talk and typical African music, drums etc., in the background of Radio Rossiia's S 3 to 4 signal. Time and propagation let me suppose that this is the reactivated RTB Ouagadougou transmitter, heard regularly here some time ago, sometimes even around local midday. I will stand by on 7230 kHz until the signal from Yakutsk decreases. 73s, good DX & good weekend, (Robert Foerster, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BURMA [non]. 17495, weak signal in unID language, Dec 3 at 1433 and still at 1522. Has to be Democratic Voice of Burma, the only thing scheduled, at 1430-1530 via MADAGASCAR. Well, WBCQ is also registered here but has not used this frequency in years; kept as an alternate to 15420 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CAMEROON. Yes, CRTV Buea, is still on the air daytime on 6005. The only mention of it in WRTH 2009 is the frequency listed in the "SW Stations of the World" section. In September this year Mauno Ritola measured a carrier on 6005.01 which is likely to be Buea since I do hear a SAH when BBC is on 6005 at the same time. With best wishes from: (James MacDonell, Niger State, Nigeria, Dec 8, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And so WRTH 2010 does have a one-liner about 6005 Buea being reported between 07 and 17 (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DXLD)

** CANADA. 11765, at 1547 25 Oct, RCI, DX program in English, SI0 353
(Steve Calver, Letchworth, Herts., England, UK, Dec BDXC-UK
Communication via DXLD)

??? This was the first day of the Week of Confusion, when Canada was still on DST but the B-09 season had just started. Why should DST matter to an external SW service? Ask Radio Canada Internal! But this log appears to be totally confused, or was RCI confused?

11765 is not on the RCI schedule at all in the B-09 season; instead at 15-16 on 11765 is VOA in English via Lampertheim. 11765 was, however, used by RCI in the A-09 season for the 18-19 broadcast in English, via Skelton. RCI has a DX program??? That was a Sunday, so should have just been the Maple Leaf Mailbag (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 6030, Calgary - CFVP relaying CKMX (AM 1060), 1738-1748, Dec 1. Nice surprise to hear this with decent reception and in the clear; usual IDs (iClassic Countryî and singing iAM 1060î jingle); usual C&W format; PSA (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Since 1987 here in Montreal iThe International Radio Reportî, a weekly half-hour program of local, national and international news and information from the world of radio has aired on CKUT-FM 90.3 MHz in Montreal, plus streamed on-line through the CKUT webpage at <http://www.ckut.ca>

I created this show, together with William Westenhaver, back in 1987 when CKUT began broadcasting on the FM band in Montreal. William and I co-hosted the show for 17 years at which time we turned the program over to Janice and Steve Karlock. They have carried on the tradition for the last five years.

In a couple of weeks Janice will be heading off to Southern Sudan working on a teaching project with the United Nations mission in the country. During her absence, she and Steve have invited me to return to the program. So, I'm pleased to say that I will be filling in for Janice, working together with Steve, until her return next fall. We wish her a safe trip and a safe stay in Sudan and we look forward to hearing about her time spent there upon her return. No doubt she'll be checking out the radio scene in the country for us as well (Sheldon Harvey, Dec CIDX Messenger via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DXLD)

Also has SW airing tnx to Area 51, UT Fri 0130 on 5110 WBCQ, right after WORLD OF RADIO (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DXLD)

** CANADA. CANADIAN FEDS SHUT DOWN STATION OPERATED BY 13-YEAR-OLD

<http://www.digitalhome.ca/2009/12/feds-shut-down-pirate-radio-station-operated-by-13-year-old/>

Industry Canada this week shut down a pirate radio station that had been operating in Ottawa for most of October and November. The station, which operated on the FM dial at the 91.9 frequency, was operated by a thirteen year old teenager whose father was once a mayoral candidate in Ottawa.

Listeners in Ottawa tell Digital Home the radio station was broadcasting primarily on weekends on a number of frequencies including 91.9, 92.7, 99.9 and 106.5 FM. Programming consisted primarily of contemporary hit radio songs along with teenage banter.

In addition to broadcasting illegally, the young teen also set up a website where users could request songs and a twitter account where he would notify users which frequency he would be broadcasting on.

The teen told Digital Home yesterday that his transmitter was shut down Monday after he was visited by three members of Industry Canada.

It's unclear at this time whether the teen acted alone; however, unconfirmed reports suggest the transmitter was atop a local business.

Calls to Industry Canada by Digital Home for additional information have not been returned. December 2, 2009 (via Sergei S., Russia, Dec 6, dxldyg via DXLD)

Another version:

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/news/broadcaster+riles+regulators/2296673/story.html>
(via Artie Bigley, OH, DXLD)

** CHINA. Re: 9000, Firedrake from 2209 to 2237 with non-stop traditional Chinese instrumental music. Fair, improving to good Nov 14 (Harold Sellers, Dec 0DXA Listening In via DXLD)

Firedrake is not the official station name. It was penned by DXers like Glenn Hauser. It refers to a number of jammers aimed at preventing reception in China of Radio Free Asia. Programming consists of constant string, woodwind, and percussion music, although I cannot, for the life of me, figure out why they would bother using this frequency (ed. Mark Coady, ibid.)

Not exactly. I may have 'popularized' the term as I always use it, but as explained two or three times in DXLD in past few years, it originated with a BBC Monitoring report about Chinese jamming of that type vs one of the central Asian languages. I would not have thought to name it that (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Dec 3 at 1324: nil on 9000, 11300, JBA on 8400, 10210.

Firedrake Dec 4 at 1420: 8400 fair, 9000 poor, 10210 JBA.

Glenn, Acabei de ouvir com um sinal forte as 0000 UTC em 7530 kHz um firedrake chinês que encerrou abruptamente as 0001 UT. 73 (Jorge Freitas Feira de Santana Bahia - Brasil, UT Dec 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The closest targets both in time and frequency appearing in Aoki:
7525*Xi Wang Zhi Sheng SOH 2200-2230 1234567 Chinese 100 131 Dushanbe-Yangiyul TJK 06848E 3829N SOH b09 7500-7550
7525*Xi Wang Zhi Sheng SOH 2300-2330 1234567 Chinese 100 131 Dushanbe-Yangiyul TJK 06848E 3829N SOH b09 7480-7570

Dec 5 at 1334: 8400 poor, 9000 JBA, 10210 & 11300 zilch
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

JAMMERS: 8400 // 9000 Crash & Bang CC Music Jammer; 1310. 6-Dec; 9000 stronger (Harold Frogde, MI, DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Dec 6 at 1438: 10210 poor with heavy flutter; 9000 JBA; 8400 inaudible; 11300 very poor.

Firedrake Dec 7: at 1350, poor on 8400, 11300; JBA on 10210, 9000. But at 1521, all four of them were poor at roughly equal levels.

We can never get enough CNR1 frequencies --- the lucky network which not only enjoys multiple overt SW channels but countless frequencies more, used as jamming. Dec 7 at 1520 I noticed Chinese // on 9430, 9440 and 9450, YL announcer and music. So to investigate in Aoki:

9440 and 9450 have asterisks indicating jammed services: 9440, R. Free Asia in Chinese via Tinian; 9450, two for the price of one, VOA Uzbek via Tinian, AND Sound of Hope via Taiwan! 9430 has no jamming or CNR1 listed, but FEBC is in Chinese via Philippines as well as Democratic V. of Burma via Armenia --- both of which might be secondary jamming targets by the ChiCom.

Firedrake Dec 9 at 1427: just barely audible on 8400; nothing audible on 9000, 10210 or 11300. E Asian conditions have been quite poor lately (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 4940, Voice of Taiwan Strait, 1500-1530, Dec 6. This is the Voice of Taiwan Strait; another Sunday of focus on China; this has become routine now; major item about a story I have been reading about regarding China's newly launched international ad

campaign to promote iMade in China (Keith Perron will love this!)
http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-12/05/content_12594805.htm
video:

<http://online.wsj.com/video/beijing-launches-made-in-china-campaign/AD4697C0-9702-42D6-9E84-A46FF61C342B.html>

moderate AIR QRM (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 5075, Dec 8 at 1402, something in Chinese vs perpetual ute beeper. Has to be the only station in the world on this frequency, V. of Pujiang, Shanghai, at 1130-1600 per Aoki (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Seems the SW site for V of Pujiang (Shanghai-Zhenru) is here: 31 16 47 N, 121 23 26 E

According to web sources, it's a utilities site also used for the three SW transmitters of V of Pujiang. Two frequencies are beamed roughly south to Taiwan, and one more SW towards Hong Kong, which seems to fit with the antennas visible on G.E. it looks like one small curtain or dipole + reflector, and a couple of log-periodics (Alan Davies, Indonesia, Dec 1, shortwavesites yg via BCDX Dec 4 via DXLD)

** CHINA. 6115, Voice of the Strait, Fuzhou, 1345, Dec 02, Chinese (Aoki lists Amoy) announcement & pop ballads mixed with co-channel YFR Chinese and sometimes difficult to tell them apart. Wiped out at 1359 when Brother Stair appeared on 6110. Presumed, but Mauno Ritola says he "most probably heard ID resembling Haixia zhi Sheng and 4900 was empty". 73, (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 7105, intruder in the exclusive worldwide 40m hamband, Dec 6 at 2216 with alternating YL in Chinese, OM maybe Chinese but sounded like a different language. Per Aoki this is a 100 kW Sound of Hope frequency from Taiwan during this hour only, but always jammed and more likely to have been hearing CNR1 instead. Only other broadcaster audible 7100-7200 was Guinea on 7125, in French at 2217 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. CRI Looking for Radio DJ

Qualifications:

Native English speaker.

Radio experience.

Charming personality.

Team spirit.

Please email us your CV, audio samples and photos at job @ cri.com.cn

The CV should include such information as your age, academic degree, citizenship, type of visa if you are already in China, and, most importantly, the music genres you're strongest at. CRI is a state-run radio station providing news, features, language learning lesson and music to both domestic and overseas listeners. To know more information, please check <http://www.crienglish.com> or tune in to 91.5FM in Beijing. Source: <http://bit.ly/7h8eHv>
(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, Dec 3, DXLD)

I know a guy in Taiwan who would be perfect for the job (gh, DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. Ondas del Meta, 4885, full-data Reception Certificate plus personal letter plus view cards. Almost 15 years after many follow-ups. V/s Mary Ellen Rodríguez (Patrick Cody, Co. Tipperary, Ireland, Dec BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) Why don't you share the address which finally got a response? (gh, DXLD)

** COLOMBIA [and non]. Holanda: Estudio ¡gora - Voces del secuestro desde Holanda en RNW vocesdelsecuestrodesdeholanada_6dic2009.JPG

Emisión: 5 Diciembre 2009 13:00 - 6 Diciembre 2009 13:00

Con el fin de denunciar internacionalmente la nefasta práctica del secuestro, Radio Nederland y la cadena Caracol de Colombia produjeron conjuntamente desde los estudios ubicados en Hilversum, Holanda, un programa especial en dos partes.

En esta emisión especial de Voces del secuestro, participó, además de algunos invitados especiales, el propio director del programa que se transmite desde Bogotá, el periodista Herbin Hoyos. Por Fernando Cabrera

Escuchar (primera parte)

[http://www.estvideo.com/dew/media/dewplayer-multi.swf?mp3=http://download.omroep.nl/rnw/smac/cms/es_voces_del_secuestro_parte_1_20091205_44_1kHz.mp3&bgcolor=FFFFFF" width="240" height="20" type="application/x-shockwave-flash"](http://www.estvideo.com/dew/media/dewplayer-multi.swf?mp3=http://download.omroep.nl/rnw/smac/cms/es_voces_del_secuestro_parte_1_20091205_44_1kHz.mp3&bgcolor=FFFFFF)

Escuchar (segunda parte)

<[http://www.estvideo.com/dew/media/dewplayer-multi.swf?mp3=http://download.omroep.nl/rnw/smac/cms/es_voces_del_secuestro_parte_2_20091205_44_1kHz.mp3&bgcolor=FFFFFF" width="240" height="20" type="application/x-shockwave-flash">](http://www.estvideo.com/dew/media/dewplayer-multi.swf?mp3=http://download.omroep.nl/rnw/smac/cms/es_voces_del_secuestro_parte_2_20091205_44_1kHz.mp3&bgcolor=FFFFFF)

"Querido papi, ya hace cinco años sin verte sin saber de ti, cada noche le pido a DIOS por ti y por todo los demás secuestrados, me haces mucha falta, te cuento que ya cumplí 15 años, y mi mami me hizo

una fiesta donde estuvieron mis abuelitos y mis tíos y la persona que faltó fuiste tú, te amo y te..."

Cartas y mensajes como este se leen durante el programa que se realiza desde los estudios de Radio Caracol en la capital colombiana. Se trata de un espacio que se dio como tarea conectar a través de la radio a los más de 2000 secuestados colombianos con sus familiares y amigos. Al mismo tiempo Voces del secuestro se convirtió en la plataforma a través de la cual se presiona a las autoridades y a los secuestreadores a dar fin con esta práctica. . .

Puede comentar sobre este programa siguiendo el enlace.

<http://www.rnw.nl/es/espaaol/radioshow/voces-del-secuestro-desde-holanda>

* Herbin Hoyos, conductor del programa Las voces del secuestro y José Zepeda, director del dpto. Latinoamericano de RN

Herbin Hoyos (izquierda), José Zepeda (Director de Radio Nederland)

Fuente: Página web de RNW

[\(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD\)](http://www.rnw.nl/es/espaaol/radioshow/voces-del-secuestro-desde-holanda)

** COLOMBIA [and non]. VENEZUELA: RADIO COLOMBIA STEREO 93.7FM HA PENETRADO ESPECTRO RADIOELÉCTRICO VENEZOLANO

Colombia Stereo 93.7 FM en Yopal, nominada a Premio por Mejor Programa de Folclor Llanero.

Imagen tomada de: <http://www.ejercito.mil.co/?idcategoria=224206>

Caracas, 12 Nov. ABN.- La Radio Colombia Stereo 93.7 FM, del ejército colombiano, ha penetrado el espectro radioeléctrico venezolano en la frontera común, e incluso suplantado la señal de Radio Nacional de Venezuela (RNV), denunció este jueves la ministra del Poder Popular para la Comunicación e Información (Minci), Blanca Eekout.

La titular del Minci señaló que esta perturbación del espectro radioeléctrico venezolano se suma a la guerra mediática que llevan a cabo medios de comunicación internacionales al servicio de los intereses de las oligarquías y del imperialismo.

Indicó que mediante esta interferencia y guerra mediática se pretende ocultar los avances del gobierno revolucionario y el respaldo que recibe el presidente de Venezuela, Hugo Chávez, del pueblo venezolano e incluso los pueblos de otras naciones.

Asimismo, recordó que la guerra mediática internacional contra Venezuela tiene como objetivo detener la unidad Latinoamericana, que

se ha logrado mediante los diversos mecanismos de cooperaciÛn que se han conformado en el continente.

Dijo que una de las matrices de opiniÛn contra Venezuela tiene como propÛsito crear un conflicto entre Venezuela y Colombia, isobre la base de tergiversar y mentir acerca de cualquier cosa que diga nuestro Presidente, porque Venezuela representa un peligro para quienes enarbolan la bandera de la mentiraî.

Fuente: <http://www.abn.info.ve/noticia.php?articulo=207039&lee=4>
(via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

m.s...

la Emisora COLOMBIA STEREO 93.7 FM, esta ubicada en Yopal, Casanare, y ha sido nominada por su programa iJoropo, Llano y Coleoî, al premio Mejor Programa Radial Preferido en el Casanare. iJoropo, Llano y Coleoî se transmite en directo de lunes a viernes en dos horarios: de 4 a 6 de la maÒana y al caer la tarde los llaneros se dan cita en el dial 93.7 FM, para escuchar su programa preferido de 6 a 8 de la noche. Leer mas en: <http://www.ejercito.mil.co/?idcategoria=224206> (Yimber GavirIa, ibid.)

** CUBA. Sunday morning, Jammer on 1180. Hello Everyone, Early this morning at work, I had a sweep-type jammer on 1180 KHz until after sunrise. I assume this is Cuba trying to block Radio Marti (Curtis Sadowski, Paxton, Illinois, WTFDA-AM via DXLD) Just tuned to 1180, noticed same jammer as this morning. Not strictly a sweeper, more of a chirper (Curtis Sadowski, 0013 UT Dec 7, ibid.)

** CUBA. Some Cubans not on Bruce Conti's list --- Bruce has a useful list of known Cuban AM stations at <http://www.bamlog.com/cuba.htm> I've found a couple that aren't on it, and let him know.

1350 kHz CMCM, Radio Ciudad del Mar, Cienfuegos <http://www.rcm.cu/>
1340 kHz // to 1350
http://radiotime.com/station/s_1860/Radio_Ciudad_Del_Mar_1340.aspx

Online listings give 1350 as CMFL but that's not what they're using. Why they are running parallel stations on adjoining channels is a mystery. The 1350 is typically a little stronger here in South Florida and they fade at different rates, so I don't think the transmitters are co-located.

Logged at 0130Z but they are audible here anytime after sunset.
Homebrew regen, homebrew loop. 73, (Jim, KR1S, Kearman, FL, Dec 2, ABDX via DXLD)

Apparently none of you have consulted the WRTH 2009 which shows:

CMFL 1340 10 kW R. Ciudad del Mar, Palmira, Cienfuegos
CMFL 1350 1 kW R. Ciudad del Mar, Aguada de Pasajeros, Cienfuegos
Website is <http://www.rcm.cu> not www.rcn.cu as in WRTH.

It's not unusual for adjacent frequencies to be used by stations in the same network, especially in countries where the media are state-controlled or planned carefully rather than developing haphazardly; easy to organize them that way and helps listeners find the stations if they are congregated in a certain part of the dial (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Apparently WRTH 2009 is out of date because that's not how they're IDing now. As stated, their ID is "Radio CMCM, Radio Ciudad del Mar, from Cienfuegos." 73, (Jim Kearman, ABDX via DXLD)

I have two comments, 1. You say that CMCM uses the English word "from" in their ID, which is unexpected behavior; 2. The listed WRTH listing is for (call) (slogan) (city) (province) and the reported ID is for (call) (slogan) (desde -??) (province). So I really see no conflict here, just a question of style in the way the announcer reads off the ID. Did they really say the word "from" in their ID?

Here in Lakeland I have very little chance of hearing this for myself. The little town of Aguada de Pasajeros is almost due south of Colon. Maybe the name means "traveller's water stop" but that's just a WAG. 73 (Bob k2euh Foxworth, *ibid.*)

No, I didn't say that. I translated it. They aren't using the callsign given in WRTH 2009 (according to Hauser). They're saying they are "CMCM."

Maybe we should do a survey. How many people buy a WRTH every year? I don't have an 09 because I started DXing again in September and knew the new edition was coming soon. I know I'm not the only one using Bruce Conti's list (or the AM DX West list, which also gives a different call). My purpose in posting was to update that; yes, I copied Bruce with the info. It is clear to me that an online list can be updated more frequently than an annual publication.

``Here in Lakeland I have very little chance of hearing this for myself.''

Neither does the guy in Enid, most likely. I can hear them, and was only reporting what I heard -- not what I read in the "bible." Now, through the miracle of MP3, you can hear it too:
http://kearman.com/images/1350_0355Z_120109-kearman.mp3 (153 KB).
73, (Jim, KR1S, *ibid.*)

The recording sure sounded like CMCM (Kevin Redding, ibid.)

I heard the "CMCM" and "Cienfuegos", undoubtedly Cuba, but no doubt what you heard is the relay of the MAIN STATION "CMCM" in "Cienfuegos". MEXICO does this ALL THE TIME with their RADIO FORMULA OUTLETS. I'll try for it, haven't tried for CUBA in a while and I've got 5 weeks OFF, starting this FRIDAY!! (Steven Wiseblood/AB5GP, TX, ibid.)

Listen to the recording I posted and you will hear a woman say (translation) "This is CMCM, Radio Cuba del Mar," followed by a man saying "Cienfuegos." If you look at their home page, <http://www.rcm.cu/> the title is "Radio Ciudad del Mar." Now see <http://www.rcm.cu/historiarcm/historia.htm>

"Cienfuegos figura entre las primeras ciudades de Cuba que tuvieron emisoras radiales, de ellas, la de mayor importancia histÓrica en la Perla del Sur es Radio Ciudad del Mar, anteriormente denominada CMHU Radio Tiempo, y en sus inicios CMHM. . . .

"Es por esa razÓn que hemos intentado hacer un recuento histÓrico de la planta radial que iniciara sus transmisiones el 1 de julio de 1936, y que en la actualidad lleva el mensaje radial por sus frecuencias de los 1340 y 1350 kilohertz al territorio sureÑo."

Translation: "Cienfuegos was one of the first Cuban cities to have radio transmitters. Of them, the most important to the south is Radio City of the Sea, previously CMHU Radio Time, and originally CMHM..."

"For that reason we have tried to make a history of of the radio station that began transmissions on July 1, 1936, and which currently transmits on 1340 and 1350 kHz to the southern territory."

"Del mar" translates to "of the sea," and Cienfuegos, Cuba, is a seaport on the southern coast. AM-DX West lists a CMCM in Jaruco, which is west of Cienfuegos, in a different province. I suspect they swapped calls because "CMCM" fits with Ciudad del Mar. 73, (Jim, KR1S, ibid.)

I could be wrong, but I think I detect a bit of pique at my referring to the WRTH 2009. I was only pointing out that besides the online listings, there is another prime source of info about broadcasting in Cuba (and everywhere). I found it odd that the two pertinent items in there would be missing from Conti's list (apparently). I was not saying it had to be right and everything else wrong. Of course it is at least a year out of date now, of necessity.

I just got the WRTH 2010 today and it shows the same info about the

1340 and 1350 stations as the 2009 edition.

Something about Cuban broadcasting: there are never any easy or straightforward answers, especially regarding callsigns. There are contradixions all over the place, and I doubt even the ICRT has it all up to date and together. Just because you hear a certain callsign on a certain frequency does not mean it really belongs to that transmitter, due to relays, regional networks, confusion at the Revolutionary government level. Could be ``CMCM`` for these is just a ``slogan`` not a real callsign. What's the frequency of the CMCM listed in Jaruco? Or maybe a real recent swap as Jim suggests.

Tnx for the nice clip, where they do say CMCM, and Radio Ciudad del Mar, not Radio Cuba del Mar.

I don't find a CMCM in the WRTH 2010 frequency list under Cuba, where searching is only by scanning the eye down the columns. Now it seems they are showing callsigns as networks rather than individual stations; thus CMBA appears for R. Rebelde on all of its frequencies; CMBD for all R. Reloj, CMBF for all R. Musical, CMBQ for all R. Enciclopedia, etc., etc.

I am sure the editors would be glad to have updating input for the next WRTH. 73, (Glenn Hauser, the guy in Enid, *ibid.*)

AM DX has CMCM as 1390 in Jaruco, which is west of Cienfuegos.

<http://www.am-dx.com/lists/cuba.htm>
("Updated Thursday December 3, 2009 at 3:49am")

That one isn't on Bruce's list either. Bruce, who lives in New Hampshire, said he didn't intend to make an all-inclusive list. He only included stations most of the U.S. was likely to hear. I'll be looking for that one later tonight, but 1390's a real mess down here.. 73, (Jim, KR1S, Kearman, *ibid.*)

WRTH 2010 shows 1390 R. Jaruco as CMBT, in Habana province, but *inactive (gh, DXLD)

** CUBA. 6140, RHC mostly in English in the 05-07 period, but Dec 4 it was back in Spanish at 0612 check, much lower modulation than // 6150, 6120.

6010, RHC, UT Sat Dec 5 at 0609, ``Ed Newman`` with ``Thursday night`` news, but this is Friday night! Stories included Comcast buying NBC, which could be 24+ hours old, and Bobby Woods ``executed last night in Texas``. That occurred at 6:40 pm CST Thursday Dec 3, so it's Ed who must have been confused about the current day, rather than a 24-hour-

old program being played, which certainly could happen at this erratic station.

RHC philately show in English, UT Sunday Dec 6 at 0609 on 6060, 6010; and much weaker 6140 instead of Spanish. UT Sunday Dec 6 at 0708, the weekly RHC Esperanto service in progress, on 6060 only.

WTFK? The RHC Esperanto website

http://www.radiohc.cu/esperanto/c_frecuencia/frecuencias.htm
claims this broadcast is on 6000; the Spanish version
http://www.radiohc.cu/espanol/c_frecuencia/frecuencias.htm
omits this transmission completely (it is quite out of date/wrong otherwise too); and the supposedly more correct B-09 schedule e-mailed out and appearing in DXLD 9-081 shows 6010!

Was talking about the Alexander Humboldt Park, where? Chicago, says Google, tho city not heard mentioned. Then on to the Universal Esperanto Congress, which will be in Havano next July 17-24, as also publicized here:

http://www.radiohc.cu/esperanto/congreso/ub_havano2010.pdf
Natch, RHC will be the official radio station for it.

This prompted a cute original song by a guy accompanied on guitar, enumerating the 94(?) cities of the world previously hosting such a congress, including Reykjavik, Kathmandu, Tashkent and Toulouse! With SFX such as Vatican bells.

I retuned to the 1500 repeat on 11760 at about the point I had outtuned eight hours earlier, for more of the song. See also VENEZUELA [non] (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

En Contacto, the DX program of RHC, Sunday Dec 6 at 2152 on 13790 with mailbag for rest of show until finished at 2157 so must have started at 2142. When 13790 went into brief fades, long-path echo could be heard, some 38 Megameters away.

Checked all the other frequencies and found the other kind of echo, between transmitters not precisely synchronized because they are from the two different sites and/or with different feed routing. Synchro with 13790 were 6110 and 11770. An echo apart from those but synchro with each other: 13770, 11800, 11730, 9660. Meanwhile, 11760 was in separate musical programming.

CMRH (the callsign which RHC never announces, discussed in DXLDs 8-074, 9-012, 9-075), Dec 8 at 0643 with 6140 in English this time instead of Spanish.

5960, RHC English audible weakly aside REE/CR 5965, Dec 8 at 0650.

This is leapfrog of two powerful fundamentals, 6060 over 6010. There could be another in the opposite direxion on 6110, which at this hour is no longer on the air as a fundamental, but not heard there aside CRI/Sackville 6115.

At 0706, after nominal closedown time, 6140 and 6060 still on the air in English.

At 1420, 11760 with Voces de la RevoluciÛn, hoary old Fidel speech from 1989y about imperialismo yanqui, phone ringing in background, that presumably dating from 2009y. // 11730 and 11800 and could not hear phone, but inconclusive as much weaker signals there.

At 1426, leafrog on 13880 = 13680 over 13780, hitting S9+5, a respectable signal in its own right, e.g. stronger than PMS on WWCR 13845. The fundamentals were S9+20.

At 1432, the other leapfrog on 13710 atop AIR GOS. Much weaker than 13880, but enough to be very damaging. This is 13770 over CRI relay on 13740, but only RHC Spanish audible on 13710.

RHC missing from 11760, Dec 9 at 1454, but on as usual via 11730 and always-distorted 11800 --- who would ever choose to listen to that frequency voluntarily? 1505, after the transmitter and frequency swapping for mid-day service, active on all 11690, 11730, 11760 and 11800 plus Venezuela relay on 11680 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Re 9-083, Arnie Coro's justification of jamming: ``And by the way.... you might benefit Mister Clifford from an English Language Spelling Class.... I seem to understand that " Lenme" [sic], should mean maybe " Let me "... Signed (Prof. Arnaldo Coro Antich, Havana, Cuba, 1 December 2009, [all sic], ibid.)``

You might also add the Sr. Coro resorts to a common ploy used by people with weak arguments -- attack the questioner, not the question (Harold Frogde, MI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Of course Arnie got it wrong. The slang term is ``lemme'', not ``lenme''. Any native speaker understands it. It axually renders the way ``let me`` is casually pronounced. Spanish speakers find double-m's daunting and need to put an n before an m, e.g. ``inmediato`` (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** CUBA [non]. 11930, R. MartÌ, Sunday Dec 6 somewhat atop DentroCuban jamming roar, about the Trio Los Panchos, so a repeat of same program 24 hours earlier on Sat morning. Mentioned 6 or 7 names of people who integrated the trio over its career.

Then onto segment incredibly crediting the Instituto Cubano de Radio y TelevisiÛn (ICRT), which is the post-revolution government agency, for clips to follow, originally on CMQ in 1949-1950 of an oldtime comedy show starring Cascarita, a.k.a. Orlando Guerra; Google that for lots more re.

1502 had switched to Resumen Semanal about racism and discrimination in Cuba against blacks and mulattos even today. Someone has been imprisoned since last July for protesting about this. Now there's something you will never hear about on RHC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CYPRUS. 11640-11665, OTH radar pulses, presumed from here, Dec 3 at 1400, not really bothering any broadcasters audible (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CYPRUS. 9760, Cyprus Broadcasting Corp, *2215-2245*, Dec 4, sign on with Greek music & Greek talk. Sign off with Greek music. Fair to good. // 7210 - mixing with China. // 6180 - mixing with All India Radio in English until their 2230 sign off (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** CZECHIA. Radio Prague - some positive news --- Thanks to Jonathan Murphy who has forwarded some positive news about the future of Radio Prague, received from Anker Petersen of the Danish Shortwave Club today.

Anker had written to the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Prague on October 16th protesting about the possible closure of Radio Prague's international shortwave service at the end of this year. Below is the text of the reply he received from the Ministry today, saying shortwave will continue in reduced form but foreign transmitters will probably replace some of the transmitters in Northern Bohemia (Alan Pennington, UK, Dec 3, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Full text of reply:

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
Department for Culture, Communication and Promotion

Prague, December 2, 2009

Mr. Anker Petersen, Chairman of the Danish Shortwave Club International

Dear Mr. Petersen, thank you very much for your letter of October 16, 2009. I would like to appreciate your interest in broadcast of the Czech Radio Prague. We are proud to have such a radio and there is no intention to stop its broadcast. The Radio helps promote the good name of the Czech Republic in the world and plays a key role also for Czechs living abroad. Great support and encouragement for Czech countrymen is also the Internet site <http://www.krajane.net> managed by the Radio.

Due to current financial crisis the Government of the Czech Republic decided in June 2009 to reduce the state budget by 20%. Following the Government Resolution No. 715, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is obliged to reduce the budget of the Radio for 2010 also by 20%.

According to the data received from the Radio the reduction will mean saving on all budgetary items and increasing of the Internet budget. The short-wave broadcast will be retained in reduced form. Foreign transmitters will probably replace some of the transmitters in Northern Bohemia. The broadcast in different languages should remain unchanged.

Thank you very much again for your interest in the broadcast from the Czech Republic. If you have more questions please do not hesitate to contact directly the Czech Radio or our Ministry. Yours faithfully,
Robert Rehák (via Pennington, Dec 3, dxldydg via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DXLD)

Radio Prague will at least survive after January 2010

Chinese DXer Zhang Shi Feng reported me that he received the following mail from Pavla Horakova of Radio Prague English Section.

Dear Zhang ShiFeng,

Thank you very much indeed for your interest and support. At the moment, we still cannot provide you with any specific information. Talks with the Foreign Ministry are still under way but Radio Prague would like to maintain at least a limited operation on shortwave. The question is the extent, that is how often and on what frequencies.

Best regards, Pavla Horakova, Radio Prague English Section

This means shortwave service of Radio Prague will at least survive after January 2010 (Takahito Akabayashi, Japan, Dec 9, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CZECHIA. LISTENING IN ~ RADIO PRAGUE --- Darren Rozier

This is a catch-it-while-you-can Listening In because, as most of us know, Radio Prague might not survive into 2010. So, without further ado, here are my findings:

Monday 2nd November - 2100 UT - 5930 kHz ñ 55555 Each transmission begins a few minutes early where the times and frequencies are read out. The trumpet IS is also one of the most recognisable on the shortwave dial. As soon as we hit 2100 the broadcast proper starts with Dvorjakís New World symphony and the news headlines, followed by the news proper. Stories included: Right-wing senators think the Lisbon Treaty is in violation of Czech law, but the trade unions are saying that the proposed opt-outs will make Czechs second class citizens in Europe . Some feel opt outs will prevent ethnic Germans, expelled from Czechoslovakia at the end of WWII, from making claims on old properties.

Residents of a house in Strasice have been subject to ispookyí happenings. Windows have been cracking, light bulbs popping and flames bursting out from electrical sockets. Towels and curtains have also been spontaneously combusting. The sockets apparently continue to burn even after the house has been disconnected from the electricity grid. Investigators have noticed is that this only happens during the week. Funnily enough Strasice in English means ivillage of horrorsí.

At 2112 itis Sports Roundup. It begins with Czech football. Slavia Prague are performing poorly with one point in three games in the Europa league. At 2116 we have the feature One on One, which is a head to head interview with a specific guest. Thereis a bit of a Michael Parkinson [retired UK tv interviewer] feel to it. The guestis surname is Novak and heis known as a iturnaround artistí or a icrisis managerí. Heis been in the headlines a lot recently, pulling back Czech companies from the brink during the recession. The broadcast ends at 2125. The website, email and studio address for snail mail is given out before the theme music to One on One: <http://www.radio.cz>

Tuesday 3rd November - 2100 UT - 5930 kHz - 44544 (There was sideband splatter from 5920 and 5940 kHz both carrying a simultaneous feed from a station in Spanish). News with Ian Willoughby: President Klaus signing the Lisbon Treaty after the Czech Constitutional Court ruled that it didnít contravene Czech Law. All 27 EU States have now ratified the treaty and it will become law across the whole of the EU. The Czech Republic has now come out of recession. Weather - grey skies should clear, but rain is still expected. The temperature will be 9 C.

At 2104 current affairs section: Thereis the launch of the Databox Project, a Czech initiative to get all public institutions communicating with each other electronically. The Czech post office

has been charged with the task of doing this and is looking at making electronic communication between public bodies compulsory. There was a special report at 2115 from New York . The film festival there has been focussing on post revolutionary cinematography. (The signal was quite hard to listen to by now - SINPO 32433.) The programme ended at 2123 with classical music.

Photos from R Prague website of: Daniela Lazarov., Ian Willoughby, Chris Johnstone, David Vaughan, Rob Cameron, Pavla Hor.kov..

Wednesday 4th November - 2230 UT - 5930 kHz ñ 55555 2230: News. 2233: Current Affairs. 2244: Spotlight. This was the last in the series on the four corners of the Czech Republic . Today they were exploring Moravia in the south-east of the Czech Republic, near the Slovakian and Austrian borders. Lots of doors bear floral motifs of Moravia.

The Moravian dialect is different to that of other parts of the Czech Republic as are the traditional costumes. Between 50 and 100 women still wear traditional dress when they go up into the fields. In times gone by the religion and music of the area looked towards Asia and the East. They have an ancient Slavic heritage. Historically the Moravians were pagans that converted to Christianity and then converted back to Paganism. They lived a primitive life where animals lived in the houses with their owners. The Moravian Croats were pushed away from the Balkans by the Ottoman Empire.

The Nazis were suspicious of this ethnic group during the occupation of World War II and forced them into the army. They were then persecuted again by the subsequent communist government who saw them as conspirators and dispersed their population from Moravia to all over Czechoslovakia. So ended the history of the Moravian Croats. Festivals and feasts take place weekly. The feature ended with some Moravian music.

Saturday 7th November - 2100 UT - 5930 kHz ñ 55545 2100: News. 2104: Magazine. This is a feature of fascinating facts about the Czech Republic. Sweden has made a box of chocolates with 27 selections. Each one has a flavour specific to each country in the EU. The Czech chocolate tastes of potato rum. Czech families are taking in under-fed hedgehogs. This time of the year the babies, which have been born in the late summer, have no chance of surviving the winter without human intervention. A rybicka is a Czech pocket knife shaped like a fish with scales, fins and a tail. People are willing to pay lots of money for designer models. A new tram model for Prague has NOT been deemed successful and derails after going around the slightest of bends. The designers, however, say that this is a fault with only ONE such tram (a screw on the chassis is too long). There has been a Halloween procession of ghosts through Prague, a city full of tales of ghosts.

2112: Soundcheck. This programme uses songs to help learn Czech words. Today's word was polibek, which means kiss. 2115: One on One - repeat of Monday.

Sunday 8th November - 1800 UT - 5930 kHz ñ 55555 Features included Mailbox. A letter from Colin Law in New Zealand stated there was a problem with Radio Prague downloads in the antipodes. This was acknowledged by the station. A Japanese listener expressed their concern on the rumoured shutdown of Radio Prague's SW service. He said this would rob Japan of news from the Czech Republic. Also, the fact that many Japanese businesses have started up in the Czech Republic will mean that news in Japan about the country will be more important now, not less.

The feature ended with a competition question: who wrote the classical piece iEntry of the Gladiators? The next feature was Letter from Prague. The Czechs like dressing up in costumes for all sorts of events. They keep stock cubes on standby in their fridges. They are the biggest cauliflower eaters in the world. There is also the Czech practice of ifreezing your children to sleep. If a baby is in a warm room, the best thing to do, apparently, is to put their sleeping quarters near a window. The cold air is supposed to lull them off to sleep.

In the Czech Republic, Christmas Day is known as Bozi hod vanocni, a day on which people visit their relatives and gather around a festive meal of roast duck or goose. If any country in the world is home to the Christmas carol, it has to be the Czech Republic. The tradition of carolling goes back centuries, and Czech Christmas music is a wonderfully rich mixture of spiritual, secular, classical and folk traditions.

Radio Prague's B09 schedule was in November's Communication. And that is it for this month. 73s, a Merry Christmas, good listening and God bless. (~Darren Rozier, Dec BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** CZECHIA [and non]. 9845-9850-9855, DRM noise Sat Dec 5 at 1341, not usually heard here. It's R. Prague via Woofferton Fri and Sat only at 13-14 in German and English per own sked, 35 kW.

Fortunately, R. Prague also still broadcasts in analog which I have no trouble decoding; less than a semihour later on 13580, Dec 5 at 1409, offbeat stories including a goat escaping pursuers into a town named Goat-Eaters, punctuated by Dixieland music. Show might be named ``News of the Weird'' but already taken; instead it is just ``Magazine'' and 1412 into SoundCzech, as described in the schedule: ``Magazine - The show that starts where the news ends - we bring you the stories you might otherwise have missed. SoundCzech - learn useful Czech phrases

through song lyrics``. You can hear all this 25 hours later on WRMI, 9955; or not, depending on antenna use and jamming (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CZECH REPUBLIC, Radio Prague heard with the German service on Dec. 6th at 1745 on new 7285 kHz, presumably from Sines. Good signal but suffers from about 900 Hz het from Radio Mali, here until 1800 (Robert Foerster, Germany, Dec 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DIEGO GARCIA. 4319-USB, AFN, 0028-0038, Dec 1, English. End of sports talk program; "Armed Forces Network" in passing; "Face the Nation" at 0031 with members of Senate Armed Forces Committee re Bin Laden & Taliban; fair at best (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-545, RX-350D, MLB1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) So Sunday morning's Face the Nation is still airing UT Tuesday morning (gh)

** DJIBOUTI. 4780, Radio Djibouti (presumed); 2005-2013+, 4-Dec; Chant with flutes to Arabic? announcement at 2006, then chant with drums & strings. S10=222+, covered by ute blasts which USB takes out (Harold Fodge, MI, DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 6025.05, Radio Amanecer Internacional, 0300-0316*, Dec 3, Spanish religious talk. IDs at 0312. Abrupt sign off. Poor with adjacent channel splatter (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** EASTER ISLAND. ENTREVISTA --- MANUKENA TE RE O¥ O RAPA NUI.
Por: Alberto Silva Rebolledo, Concepcion , Chile (Nov. 2009)

En la mente de la humanidad siempre se comenta que existe alg'n lugar, lejano, el cual suele denominarse como la i'ltima fronterai; este lugar ser. siempre la tierra m-s lejana o difcil, ya sea para viajar, vivir e incluso simplemente ser. para nosotros, los Diexistas, el lugar m-s alejado para hacer radio.

Rapa Nui o Te Pito Te Henua (Isla de Pascua o Eastern [sic] Island) es un territorio insular chileno, ubicado en el extremo m-s oriental de Oceanía. La tierra m-s cercana sería la Isla Ducie, perteneciente al territorio brit.nico de las Islas Pitcairn.

Hicimos los contactos necesarios con el Sr. Nelson Zapata (Director de Radio Manukena), para que nos recibieran en los estudios de la nica radio existente en el poblado de Hanga Roa; gentilmente nos concediÓ una cita con la radio operadora, doña Catalina Tuki. [illustrated]

A quién entrevistamos en las oficinas de transmisiÛn de Radio Manukena, 88.9 FM, la cual se encuentra ubicada al interior de la

Municipalidad de Isla de Pascua, calle Policarpo Toro S/N, esquina calle Te Pito Te Henua. Allí se ubican en el tercer pabellón de la municipalidad los estudios de la radio.

Entrevistador: ¿Qué significa el nombre de la radio?

Sra. Tuki: El nombre de nuestra emisora, es Manukena, y este corresponde al nombre de un pájaro, una especie de gaviota.

Entrevistador: ¿Nos puede comentar de la historia radiofónica de la Isla de Pascua?

Sra. Tuki: Radio Manukena fue la primera radioemisora que ha existido en la isla Rapa Nui; se creó un 17 de septiembre del año 1967, acaba de cumplir 42 años de vida. En sus primeras décadas nuestra radio perteneció a la Fuerza Aérea de Chile, luego recién en el año 1999, pasó a manos de la municipalidad.

Entrevistador: ¿Siempre fue la única emisora en la isla?

Sra. Tuki: No, a pesar de ser la radio más antigua en la isla, debemos mencionar que además de Radio Manukena, existió también Radio Vaikava, la cual pertenecía y era operada por la Armada de Chile, hasta su desaparición hace unos siete años. La diferencia entre ambas era que Manukena siempre ha tenido en su gran mayoría programas en idioma Rapa Nui.

También existió Radio Tahai que era de un particular, la cual dejó de emitir allí por el año 1985.

Entrevistador: ¿Cuál es la función que cumple Radio Manukena?

Sra. Tuki: Nuestra radio cumple varias funciones, tales como función social, cultural, no sólo preservar la lengua, sino que las tradiciones, los bailes, las celebraciones propias de nuestra cultura, además como servir de apoyo a la comunidad, por cuanto, todos los organismos públicos de la isla tienen programas de difusión de sus actividades.

Entrevistador: ¿Cuál es la proyección de Radio Manukena?

Sra. Tuki: Salir fuera de las fronteras de la isla, sin dar mayores informaciones, me atrevo a decir, que tendríamos una salida por Internet, crear espacio multimedia para ser conocidos mundialmente.

Entrevistador: ¿Nos puede hablar un poco de la parte técnica de la radio?

Sra. Tuki: Tenemos nuestra antena de FM, fuera del lugar de la municipalidad; no llegamos a toda la isla. Tenemos nuestros computadores, equipos que es lo que utilizamos para emitir los diferentes programas. Como ya dije, casi todas las instituciones tienen sus programas, sumados a los grupos juveniles, programas de niños. En el día Sábado sólo se emite en idioma Rapa Nui.

Entrevistador: Vemos un lienzo dentro del locutorio, el cual lleva el símbolo de Radio Nederland. ¿Tienen programas de colaboración o de parcería con otras radios?

Sra. Tuki: Exacto, tenemos cooperación con Radio Nederland, quienes nos envían por el momento sólo música; es más una vez, hace años, nos vino a capacitar el Sr. Alfonso Montealegre, entre otros, quienes nos contaron sus experiencias y nos capacitaron en hacer radio.

Entrevistador: ¿Cuál es el futuro de Radio Manukena?

Sra. Tuki: Salir fuera de las fronteras de nuestra isla.

(Foto 1,2 y 3: Locutorio de Radio Manukena, Foto 4: Entrada de la radio, Foto 5: Catalina Tuki)

(BOLETÓN ESCUCHAS DEL MUNDO, FEDERACHI, DICIEMBRE 2009 via DXLD)

** EAST TURKISTAN [and non]. CHINA, 3950, Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi, *2330-2344, 05 Dec, Mandarin, talks; 43443, QRM de NAm amateurs.

3990, Gannan PBS (presumed), Tianshui, 2303-2320, 05 Dec, Tibetan (listed), talks (newscast?), presumed announcements; 24432, occasional NAm amateurs QRM, then tone signal de CHINA starting at approx. 2316.

3990 Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi, 2341-2353, 05 Dec, Uighur, talks; 24432, QRM de CHINA; \\ 4980, 6120, 7205 (ex-7195). (Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CHINA. 7415, China Radio International; 2035, 5-Dec; English Letterbox -- one person has sent over 200 reception reports this year [G, nther Jacob??]. SI0=433, cleanest in LSB. // 7295 SI0=333-, // 9440 very weak, // 9600 SI0=4+33+, all latter via China; // 5960 SI0=4+54, // 7285, SI0=444, latter two via Albania; 5985 covered; 11640 & 13630 missing (Harold Fodge, MI, DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7415 best heard on Saturday when no WBCQ in the way. 7415 is Ur, mqi 19-20, Kashgar 20-22, jamming BBC 22-23, Kashgar 23-24 (gh, DXLD)

** ECUADOR. Radio Carrizal: 50 años --- Enrique Delgado Coppiano.

En la isla parque Calceta, el cantante Bolívar y en Manabí todo, pero especialmente en la zona norte, estamos de fiesta, y con razón, pues se conmemora el hecho de que el 1 de diciembre de 1959, a las 11:30 am inició su salida al aire, a través de las ondas hertzianas, RADIO CARRIZAL, es decir, esta emisora cumple 50 años de que en su frecuencia de onda corta (90 metros) y hoy también en FM [96.1].
Sabado, 5 Diciembre 2009 . . . Fuente:
<http://www.eldiario.com.ec/noticias-manabi-ecuador/137520-radio-carrizal-50-anos/>
(via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

A.k.a. La Voz del Rio Carrizal; was 3260, but not reported in ages, and no longer listed in the WRTH 2009, but still in Aoki (gh, DXLD)

** EGYPT. 7580 at 0000 15 Nov, ``Radio Cairo presents, Arabic by Radio``, English and Arabic, S10 444 (Dave Kenny, Dec BDXC-UK Communication, as corrected, via DXLD)

As I was monitoring Equatorial Guinea on 6250 and Polisario was opening on 6297, I noticed that Cairo was still running on 6290 past nominal 0700*, Dec 8, until it cut off at 0705*. As usual, strong signal in Arabic, but badly distorted (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. Recebi por email a programação em Português da Rádio Cairo para 2010 enviada por Sr. Amal do Depto Brasileiro:

<http://blog.sarmento.eng.br/2009/12/05/radio-cairo-egito-programacao-2010/>

Ele está solicitando informações de recepção para avaliar a nova frequência (Sarmento-RJ, Campos, Dec 6, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Aqui a Rádio Cairo não passa de uns sinais incompreensíveis e distorcidos, quando muito uma modulação muito baixa, apesar da portadora estar com um sinal 4, o máximo para um serviço em ondas curtas. Nesse momento 2230 UT em 9390 kHz ouve-se uma música instrumental em uma modulação tão baixa, parece que é um coral, quem vai saber... às 2231 UT sinal horário e um locutor de voz incompreensível fala algo em tom extremamente grave e ininteligível.

Só mais de três anos que a Rádio Cairo vive essa situação e promessas só feitas e absolutamente nada é feito. J. trocaram de frequência e o problema acompanha sem contar que os locutores há tanto tempo na emissora só se incomodam em melhorar a dicção para quando em uma rara situação em uma baixa modulação se conseguir entender uma ou outra coisa.

Para mim a Rádio Cairo insiste em transmitir apenas para a satisfação de seus funcionários e só raras vezes os e-mails voltarem com a

informaÁ,o do provedor de caixa cheia, um total desinteresse em seus ouvintes, eu acho que nem eles acreditam que tenha alguÈm ouvindo e sÙ abrem ‡ caixa postal de e-mails em tempos bem espaÁados. Um serviÁo completamente ineficiente e totalmente sem objetivo que o governo egÌpcio custeia.

Hoje nessa transmiss,o o sinal saiu do ar umas trÌs vezes e volta apÙs alguns segundos, mas somente o sinal sobre murmurrios da pÈssima dicÁ,o incompreensivel de um de seus locutores. Eu tinha prometido n,,o mais falar sobre essa transmiss,o, mas ao lÌ que eles solicitam relatÙrio de recepÁ,o n,,o pude me esquivar de escrever algo a respeito. Agora as 2245 UTC ouvi em uma baixa modulaÁ,o um outro locutor de dicÁ,o melhor dizer iRadio Cairo ApresentaÍ, mas n,,o entendi o nome do programa e logo apÙs n,,o se escuta mais modulaÁ,o. Bem, acho que existem outras emissoras para eu gastar meu tempo. Um abraÁo (Jorge Freitas, Brasil, Dec 7, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 5005, Radio Nacional, Bata, 2245-2302*, Dec 4, Euro-pop music. Spanish announcements. Sign off with long National Anthem at 2259. Poor in noisy conditions (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 6250.0, RNGE, Dec 8 at 0653 choral/hilife music, 0700 announcement, more music, weakening vs. ute QRM as sun is well up there in UT+1 zone and SR time varies little near the Equator. Presumed, as never well enough to be certain this was in Spanish. Seems quite irregular, but not usually audible this late after sign-on varying around 0530 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 15190, R. Africa, 1649, Dec 1. Religious sermon in English; iPeoples Gospel Hourí giving Halifax and Boston addresses; weak (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 6090, Amhara State Radio, *0257-0350, Dec 5, sign on with IS. Talk at 0300. Local Horn of Africa music. Some rustic vocals. Very weak under a strong Anguilla, a weak presumed Brazil and a weak Voice of Hope-Austria at their 0330 sign on (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** ETHIOPIA. 6890, Radio Fana; 2050-2101:14*, 5-Dec; Lite vocal music; very brief announcement by W in unknown language at s/off. S10=343, brief ute blasts. 100% list log.

7110, Radio Ethiopia (presumed); 0544, 5-Dec; M in unknown language with peppy music. S10=252+; // 9704.2, poor; nothing // on 7165 or 9560 (Harold Fodge, MI, DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7110, Radio Ethiopia, *0259-0310, Dec 3, sign on with electronic keyboard IS. Talk in listed Amharic at 0300. Horn of Africa music at 0303. Weak but readable. No //s heard at sign on but at 0423 check heard // 5990.30, 9704.18 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

7165, R. Ethiopia, Geja Jawe, 1605-1611, 05 Dec, English, news about Ethiopia, then a sudden signal carrying some program in vernacular at 1610 followed by a jamming signal at 1611 (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. 7530, Xoriyo, 1705+ Dec 4 with OM mentioning Hargeisah, and multiple mentions of ogadeni and a folk song 1725 and sudden signoff 1730 (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, Dec 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ooh, that could really confuse SOMALIA-hunters, as 7530 formerly really used by Hargeisa. This is per Aoki: ``7530 Radio Xoriyo Ogadenia 1700-1730 .2...6. Somali 250 188 Samara RUS 05015E 5317N RHU b09`` and that chex on a Friday (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. via Germany, 11760, Voice of Oromiyen Liberation Front, 1607-1629*, Dec 3, presumed with talk in listed Oromo language. Some Horn of Africa music. Many mentions of Oromo. Abrupt sign off. // 11805 - both frequencies fair to good. Sun/Tues/Thur only. I thought 11760 was suppose to replace 11805 but at least today I heard 11805 in parallel (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** EUROPE. 7610, R. Amica, ITALY, 1223-, 05 Dec, Italian, pops, both new & oldies, news (!) at 1300, IDs; 35342, but improving fast; this was still audible when observed at approx. 2000 (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GABON. 9580, Africa NO. 1, 2128 29 Oct, music, two OMs with talk, SIO 252 (Steve Calver, Letchworth, Herts., England, Dec BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

9580, Africa NumÈro Un, good signal, better than usual, with hilife music Dec 6 at 0651; 0653 ID, ``de Libreville et de Moyabi, au Gabon``. You'd think CVC Zambia on 9430 would also be well-heard, but not tonight; normally it's better than ANU.

0700, a four-pip timesignal ending two seconds late, compared to WWV! And into brief news in French, soon another ID. Why in the world run a timesignal if you are that far off? A simple announcement of the time should be enough, without a signal implying far more accuracy than in reality.

9580, Africa NumÈro Un, Dec 6 at 2203 in French news of Somalia, VG

signal. I also had them well at 0700 as in previous report. I am beginning to wonder if during the last several months they had been running reduced power and have just recently resumed full power, 500 kW per WRTH. We are also still waiting for them to reactivate a second transmitter (WRTH shows three), and bring back daytime frequencies 17630, 15475. BTW, there are no Gabon registrations in HFCC (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Commemorating a century since Braun and Marconi won the Nobel Prize --- RSGB News 4 December 2009
<http://www.rsgb.org/news/newsitem.php?id=3>

On 10 December 1909 both Braun and Marconi were given the Nobel Prize for physics for their efforts in wireless communication. Long wave transmitter DDH47 of National Weather Service at Pinneberg in Germany will conduct a special broadcast from 9 December, 2300 UT until 10 December 0100 UT on 147.3 kHz using 20 kW. Special slow Morse code transmissions will take place at the former silence periods of the maritime radio service, 15 to 18 past each hour and 45 to 48 minutes past each hour. Using QRS3, which is one dot in 3 seconds, the names of famous wireless pioneers will be transmitted. Reception reports from distant places are welcome. Amateurs may contact DL0PFB on the HF amateur bands. For further information, check out their website at <http://www.mmqtc-award.org> (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

Special transmission. longwave transmitter DDH47 (147.3 kHz). DL0PFB 3565, 7025, 14052 kHz. Source:
<http://www.mydarc.de/dl0cux/nobele.pdf>
<http://www.mydarc.de/dl0cux>
(via Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Alemania: Sabor Latino en Radio AFKMAX
http://www.saborlatino-online.de/cms/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

¡Sabor Latino! es un programa en espaÑol y alemÁn que se transmite por la radio AFKMAX. Transmite una vez por semana en un espacio de 2 horas. La emisiÛn se puede escuchar en las ciudades de N'remberg, Frth y Erlangen. . .

Fuente: <http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,,4971837,00.html>
(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD) Much more; also discusses some few other Spanish programs on German radio (gh)

m.s... Sabor Latino se transmite todos los miÈrcoles de 8 a 10 de la noche [19-21 UT, presumably], por las ondas radiofÙnicas de AFKMAX en castellano y alemÁn. ...ste es tambiÈn un programa que informa a nivel local, regional, nacional y tambiÈn internacional sobre la cultura Latinoamericana, con noticias de America Latina, nuevos acontecimientos del mundo latino en nuestros alrededores; tambiÈn se

presentan entrevistas exclusivas con personajes vinculados al mundo latinoamericano e ibérico, asimismo se informa de las actividades culturales concernientes al mundo latino aqui en Alemania y en Europa.

miércoles en afk max ... de 8 a 10 p.m.

Nürnberg 106,5 UKW, Erlangen 106,2 UKW

o vía internet

http://www.saborlatino-online.de/cms/index.php?option=com_wrapper&Itemid=42
(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

** GERMANY. After a period of quiet, DRM is noted back on air via 1593 on December 5th at 0730 UT tune. I assume this is Langenberg again - doing what this time? And unfortunately the antenna is sending loud signals in my direction (Noel R. Green, Dec 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, 1593 is again Langenberg. It was off due to some antenna work, also leading to disruptions on 720 and even short breaks on FM. And 1593 is doing again the same of course, i.e. Kiraka. There is no point in wondering about the rationale, since this is just a long-term engineering test, no real service (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Dec 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. New 5980.00, *0958-1200* 03+04.12, Hamburger Lokal Radio, via Kall-Krekel (1 kW) German Carrier signed on 0955 while R 700 on 6005 was on the air, 0958 test tape: "Sie hören das Test Programm aus Hamburger Lokal Radio" with accordion and Ship Horn blowing twice, 1000 ann, postal address, ID, 1001-1055 funny talk about "Pubertet" (Puberty) with audience laughing many times, 1055 English male song with trumpet, light music, s/off with ID, announcing 5980 kHz and Ship Horn blowing twice 44333 QRM R Martí in Spanish. These tests continue throughout December.

6005, 0945-1010 04.12, R. 700, via Kall-Krekel (1 kW) German ann, pop music, 0955 news and traffic, ID: "Radio Sieben Hundert", more pop music 35333.

6140, *1000-1100* Sunday 06.12. MV Baltic R, via Wertachtal, German / English ID's, talk about Schwerin, reports from DX-ers, nice music 55544 (Anker Petersen, on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire heard here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** GERMANY [non]. DW in German on 6075, Dec 8 at 0644 good but with a very quick echo/reverb due to two sites not exactly synchronized; needs tweaking. Registered as both Sines, PORTUGAL, 250 kW, 40 degrees, and Woofferton, UK, 300 kW, 114 degrees between 0600 and 0743, except weekends when Sines stays on until 0755 (Glenn Hauser,

OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [and non]. Addendum concerning Deutsche Welle on satellite: A well-known reference source mentions Usingen as uplink site for the Hotbird mux used, amongst other customers, by DW. There is sufficient evidence of this signal still being uplinked from K^ln-Poll, an almost forgotten but still existing facility (of Media Broadcast, not the same than the RTL / Cologne Broadcasting Center uplinks.) (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Dec 3, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY EAST [and non]. My early shortwave listening days with RADIO NETHERLANDS and the then RADIO BERLIN INTERNATIONAL, RBI

I started listening to shortwave radio in the early seventies. Then I was only interested in listening for world events though my knowledge of English then was just elementary. Playing around with the shiny tuning knobs in the evenings, I could pull in the BBC, VOA, RBI, RN, Radio Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea and several provincial stations in Nigeria.

Though most of the international broadcasters provided for my needs then, my contact with Radio Berlin International, RBI and Radio Netherlands were rather fascinating and enriching. These broadcasters provided materials which educated me on the basics of shortwave propagation and the basics of shortwave propagation and also how to write acceptable reception reports. Radio Netherlands in particular provided materials on the basics of shortwave propagation and sunspots activities.

Radio Berlin International on the other hand issued Reception Report forms, a series of beautiful reports cards and other valuable promotional items. RBI also provided a series of QSL cards: the Dxer's list of abbreviations including the Q-code these materials were/are a veritable instrument for understanding the shortwave hobby terms.

Consequently, my interest was enhanced in the hobby and I then enlisted in some clubs: International Dxer's Club of San Diego, California and N. American Shortwave Association. Though RBI may not have been popular owing to the political climate at that time, I still maintain that the station offered valuable services to shortwave listening (DZEVER ISHENG, Nigeria, Making Contact, Dec World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** GREECE. 9420, VOG, Dec 6 at 0605 going from news to antiphonal chanting, alternating one monk(?) with a group in response. Heartfelt, but not exactly professional singers. Quite good signal here, better than usual, and not so strong on // 7475. Same at 0650 check, and even at 0707. Is Sunday morning Greek Orthodox service. From John Babbis'

translation of the current schedule, it lasts almost 2.25 hours:

7475* 9420 KHz Only

0600-0700 Divine Liturgy (Connect. With NET 105.8)

9420 15630 KHz Only

0700-0815 Divine Liturgy (Connect. With NET 105.8)

*Transmission ends 10 min. earlier

And indeed, 7475 no longer heard at 0704 check, but 9420 still in well
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. REPARANDO EL TRANSMISOR DE RADIO VERDAD --- Radio Verdad, Chiquimula, lleva 15 meses fuera del aire luego de que un rayo quemara su transmisor. Su director, ...dgar Amilcar Madrid, contin'a haciendo lo imposible para tratar de poner de nuevo en funcionamiento dicho transmisor. Me acaba de enviar un mail con fotos de los esfuerzos que est.n haciendo para que Radio Verdad pueda estar de nuevo en el aire en su frecuencia habitual de 4052.5 kHz.

Estas fotos tambiÈn se pueden ver en este enlace:

<http://radioverdadguatemala.blogspot.com/>

(Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÈa, Dec 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

From the end of the latest blog entry: Now the holdup is two voltage regulator ICs. They need to obtain these; can anyone help?

``Ahora, estamos procurando conseguir cuento antes esos dos circuitos integrados (reguladores de voltaje), para substituirlos, y hacer las nuevas pruebas. Confiamos en Dios, que Èse sea el 'ltimo problema por resolever, y podamos salir al aire.

Si en caso, alguna persona tiene los medios para conseguirmos esos dos circuitos integrados (ambos idÈnticos), los mismos se identifican con el n'mero siguiente: P3055V.`` (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn -- My knowledge of electronic circuitry is fairly basic, but it seems like this might be what they're looking for:

<http://www.mouser.com/Search/Refine.aspx?Keyword=p3055v>

(Googling seems to indicate that MT stands for Motorola.) There's links to PDFs of the product datasheets so that Edgar, et al could verify they're equivalent chips. It would be great if a couple 75-cent MOSFETs are all it takes to get R Verdad back on the air (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SHORT WAVE MODULE FOR RADIO TRUTH

Dear Friends of Radio Truth: May I inform you that, beginning yesterday, Thursday December 3, 2009, and the whole day today 4th, we have worked very hard on the reparation of the first short wave module

of Radio Truth, with the Technician Angel Custodio Santos. Yesterday morning, I made new electrical installations exclusively for our transmitter, because there were happening strange electrical troubles during the last four days, for which reason we had come off Internet during three days.

On Thursday afternoon, there arrived the Technician with his brother, and we started to review the transmitter's base. The first thing we discovered was a TOTAL short circuit on the isparkerí defense, the place where the antenna is connected. Both electrodes were melted together. We separated them, and calibrated again. See two of the photographs attached (probably on a following e-mail). I suppose this was the cause why the other module exploded the previous time (several months ago).

But, we continued on the revision, and found some other integrated circuits damaged, and substituted them. We had substituted a bipolar diode also, for which it was difficult to find a spare, but we installed the same of an older module. When everything seemed to be alright, we decided to introduce the module into the transmitter in order to make a first test. I turned on the first phase (low voltage), and everything seemed to be alright. But, when I turned the high voltage on, a relay reacted, and cut off the energy. We couldn't continue with the process.

Then, we left the transmitter on without the high voltage for a while and, took off the module to be analyzed. After touching all the parts, we discovered two integrated circuits (voltage regulators) extremely hot. That was the final trouble. But WE DIDN'T HAVE THOSE PARTS AT HAND, and we had to desist. All parts for our Omnitronix 1000SW transmitter, are very difficult to get in all the World, and every time we have to find someone to factory them in the United Status. That may take some months.

Now, we are in the efforts to get, as soon as we can, those two integrated circuits (voltage regulators), in order to substitute them, and try again. We trust in God that this one may be the last trouble to solve, in order to return on the air.

In case somebody would have the means to get such parts (both the same), they are identified with the following number: P3055V

Many thanks for the interest you have demonstrated in order that Radio Truth may come back on short wave. We authorize you to publish this information, which we appreciate very much. May God bless and keep you (Dr. ...dgar Amílcar Madrid, Manager and Director, Dec 6, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Don Edgar Amílcar Madrid of Radio Verdad needs two voltage regulators (Omnitronix P3055V), so should you have two of these to spare, please contact him at radioverdad5 @ yahoo.com

The following message, which contains several pictures, was uploaded on Dec. 5 to
<http://radioverdadguatemala.blogspot.com/2009/12/radio-verdad-reparando-su-transmisor-de.html>
(Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, Dec 7, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Previous schedule on 4052.5 was approximately 1100-0600 UT, so keep checking for a comeback (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
Hmmm, WRTH 2009 and 2010 show 1130-0500. They used to have some English during the final hour and I thought it was 05-06 (gh, DXLD)

** GUINEA [and non]. What kind of puzzle! On Nov 25th at 2000 UT a talk in French on 6165 \ 7125 kHz for a half of minute and from 2001 UT different news, both in French, from Chad and Guinea. Satellite mix?

Asking [sic; looking?] for English news from Conakry (at 1845 UT - according to the WRTH). I found interruptions in their broadcasts: on Nov 24 at 1800-1900 UT and on Nov 25 1730-1900 UT - all on 7125 kHz (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Dec 1, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 4 via DXLD)

7125, Radio Conakry; 2153-2207+, 5-Dec; Afro-pop music; thumb harp tune at 2200+ to ID simply as Conakry to M&W news in French. SI0=3+43 (Harold Frogde, MI, DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUYANA. Re new site for shortwave transmitter to be reactivated:

See the description; this site is almost in the direction of the runway: 06 49 20n, 58 05 35w. Better visibility in MS Virtual Earth than Google Earth (Mauno Ritola, Finland, Nov 30, shortwavesites yg Nov 30 via BC-DX Dec 4 via DXLD)

At present GBC/NCN tx site at 06 49 20.73 N, 58 05 34.06 W

Sparendaam, East Coast Demerara, located 2.2 kilometers at short distance off the runway. I guess the GBC/NCN SW antennas are located some 150 meters westwards of the tall MW mast at 06 49 20.84 N, 58 05 38.81 W

See picture screenshot attachment of MS Virtual Earth screenshot in Flash Earth. Supposedly both 3290 and 5950 kHz antennas visible.

Looks like, new transmitter location West Bank Demerara should soon close to

06 49 09.07 N 58 12 29.65 W

<<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=6.819186&lon=-58.208236&z=15.5&r=0&src=msl>>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vreed_en_Hoop>

or further westwards.

<<http://maps.google.de/maps?>

f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=06%C2%B049%2709.07%22N+
+58%C2%B012%2729.65%22W&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=20.808164,57.084961&ie=UTF8&l
l=6.831415,-58.223591&spn=0.064172,0.111494&z=14>
(Wolfgang Bischel, ibid.)

Further to this item, Radio World (International Edition Nov 2009) carried an item:

"Energy-Onix recently shipped one of its new Pulsar HF 10 kW solid-state shortwave broadcast transmitters to the Guyana Broadcasting Corp. [...] The Pulsar HF is DRM compatible"

(The WRTH lists the Sparendam shortwave transmitters previously used by the Guyana BC also as 10 kW. 3291v kHz was occasionally logged here in the UK) (Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, Dec 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HAWAII [and non]. 1540, KREA, Honolulu HI; Korean program, iRadio Seouli jingle and English ID iAM 16-50 KFOX. You're listening to southern California's number one Korean language radio station; (not KPMC, which is Radio Korea, and according to the webstream has a completely different ID at this time); xf KXPA ñ a pity no local ID; thanks to Nick Hall-Patch, who writes iKREA for sure. Just to verify your surmise, here's a recording I made while working offshore from Hawaii on 12 September. The same ID on 1540 as what you heard, just a whole lot stronger and clearer! (the recording Nick sent was identical what I'd heard). This was the clearest reception, but first heard vW/W [very weak to weak, I assume --- gh] 1400 14/11, again vW 1400 17/11; personal first Fpks [fair at peaks] 1300 20/11 mah (Martin Hall, Clashmore, Sutherland, Scotland, Perseus SDR, RPA-1 preamp, beverages: 513m at 233 degrees, unterminated; 506m at 279 degrees, terminated; 550m at 338 degrees, terminated. TotalRecorder, Dec MW News via DXLD)

** HONDURAS. 3339.99, LV de Misiones Internacionales, 1055-1105, Dec 5, Spanish religious music. Spanish ID announcements at 1057. Weak. Poor (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** HONDURAS. Honduras: en sus 49 años de HRVC --- Hoy 8 de diciembre est. de aniversario La Voz Evangélica de Honduras, aunque no he podido

ingresar online, alguien la ha escuchado en los 4820 kHz? Me imagino estar·n hasta las 0400 UT. Para m·s e intentar el audio de HRVC en: <http://bit.ly/6a9JbN> y sus comentarios en el mismo enlace. Gracias
73 de (Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Inactiva en 4820 desde hace algunos a·os. 73, (Glenn, ibid.)

** ICELAND. 189 kHz, Utvarp Reykjavik Ras 2, 0208 Dec 8. Glad to hear Iceland again via this longwave relay of the national channel 2 outlet of Radio Reykjavik. Canned Ras 2 ID at 0210 between songs. Fair on the peaks with my 60 meter vertical loop but no trace of signal on the 80 meter inverted vee (David Hodgson, TN, 0258 UT Dec 9, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Assume you mean Dec 9 unless you waited 24+ hours to send (gh)

LW, good conditions --- This evening has turned out to be the best night for TA activity into Memphis on the LW band that I have ever experienced. I had 5 signals strong enough to produce audio, three of which I would call copyable. [including]

12/9/09 0305 UT, 189 KHZ, Iceland presumed with the song "Something Stupid" by Frank and Nancy Sinatra. Earlier heard with a foreign-language cover of "I've Had the Time of My Life." Icelandic? I don't recognize the language for sure. This was all heard with a YB400 PE barefoot! Electrical noise usually wipes out LW for me, and it was still there, but the signals won out. If I were away from noise, I wonder what else I would have heard? (Adam Myrow, Memphis TN, NRC-AM via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DXLD)

** INDIA. 4850, AIR Kohima. Sorry to report this has been off the air on Dec 1 and 2. Had hoped that the Hornbill Festival would have resulted in more SW activity, not less.

4850, AIR Kohima, 1300, Dec 4. Program schedule in Hindi and English; sports segment in English explaining about basketball; into Hindi; 1340-1400 local news and weather in Hindi, followed by same items in English (Arabinda Rajkhowa turned over to India at the India-Bangladesh border; 4th day of Hornbill Festival (iFestival of Festivals); fire destroyed some shops in Kohima; Defense Minister Shri AK Antony will arrive in Kohima tomorrow to visit the Hornbill Festival; etc.); started out weak but was almost fair at their sign off at 1400.

4850, AIR Kohima, 1302-1401*, Dec 5. Surprised to find them on the air for two consecutive days. Segments in Hindi and English; local IDs; news about the Defense Minister Shri AK Antony visiting Kohima and the Hornbill Festival; the country has come under high alert on the eve of the anniversary of the Babri mosque demolition 17 years ago; at least

111 people killed when an explosion set ablaze a nightclub in Russia; weather; iThis is All India Radio Kohima and then off the air.

4850, AIR Kohima, 1311-1401*, Dec 7. Usual format; poor reception. Dec 8 at 1307 songs in English for local talent program; 1315-1340 usual segment in Hindi dealing with issues in Nagaland which starts and ends with unique indigenous stringed instrument; today consisted of a series of recorded speeches in English given in Kohima on Dec 1 for World AIDS Day (theme was iUniversal Access and Human Rightsi); almost fair reception; off the air a few seconds before 1401 (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4895, AIR Kurseong, 1311-1320, Dec 2. Happened to catch AIR IS (do not believe they were actually signing on); subcontinent music; in Hindi; mixing with assume Mongolia. (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR outlets coming in the on 60 meters peaking around 1215-1230. 4920 the best. 4940 about equal with China. 4910 would have been decent if not for CODAR. 5010 had respectable audio. Was surprised that 4860 wasn't that good. (5 Dec.) (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD)

** INDIA. 4950, AIR Shimla, 1501 4 Dec with news in English S7 (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, Dec 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Perhaps you meant Srinagar, since Shimla is on 4965 (gh, DXLD)

** INDIA. I understand AIR Shimla has been off the air for some time. In the last few days I have been hearing a weak AIR station on 4965 around 1600 and since it was carrying the same programme as super power 5010 and 4920, I didn't want to come to conclusions as these two produce spurious signals.

However about two days back it was very weak but thought it was not // to 5010/4920. Tonight as I write, 1610, it is carrying the same programme as 4910, so I am dead sure this is not a harmonic, receiver generated overloading spur. Very weak S-2. Can someone closer to the station or have some definite info enlighten what this is? Jose?

Tonight DX signals are very good. In fact already at 1600 the strongest station on the 60 m band for me AIR Thiru' is mixing with Madagascar which usually I hear after 5010 sign-off. Regards (G. Victor A. Goonetilleke, 4S7VK, "Shangri-la" 298 Madapatha Road, Piliyandala, Sri Lanka, Dec 2, dx_india yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DXLD)

Today I got the Station ID at 1600 UT which confirms it is AIR Shimla; at that time the "Himachali Sangeet" programme ended and started an

'Airtel' sponsored Program (the name sounded like 'Apka Sandesh') - though reception is very poor and like many other AIR transmitters - the audio level is lower than the signal when comparing with other stations. The announcements also confirmed the AIR Shimla is on MW and SW. But they didn't announced the frequencies. Thanks & Regards, (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, Dec 4, via Alokesha Gupta, dx_india yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DXLD)

** INDIA. 4970, AIR Shillong, 1453, Dec 5. iLive Wirei show started playing all Christmas music, ito get into the Christmas spiriti (iRudolph, The Red Nosed Reindeeri; Nat King Cole singing iA Cradle In Bethlehem, etc.); local IDs; 1511 iPlease stand by for Delhi (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4990, AIR Itanagar, 1441-1447, Dec 2. Segment in English and Hindi; subcontinent music; 1450-1500 news in Hindi with highlights of President Obamais speech, good modulation; 1500-1510 news in English, but with low modulation and China QRM; 1512 switched over to programming from Delhi and modulation back up. Some outstanding AIR reception today!

4990, AIR Itanagar, 1407, Dec 4. In English with cricket scores; into Hindi and subcontinent music; news in Hindi; 1420 musical fanfare, iGood evening. This is All India Radio Itanagari; news in English (Arabinda Rajkhowa turned over to India at India-Bangladesh border, etc.); iNow news from the national fronti (Nepal Prime Minister and cabinet members meet at the base camp of Mt. Everest, etc.); sports scores; weather (iNow the weather forecast according to the Meteorology Department. There will be partly cloudy skiesi, etc.). Also news in English from 1501 to 1510, which seems to be a regular feature now. Clearly the best reception I have ever had here! (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 5040, AIR Jeypore, 1443, Dec 9. Coverage of the Twenty20 match (cricket) between India and Sri Lanka, in English and Hindi; 1527 series of advertisements; commentary about the match and on air phone calls, in Hindi and English; 1542 back to Nagpur for the presentation of Man of the Match to Kumar Sangakkara, winning captain of the Sri Lanka team; back to studio for more calls and commentary; almost fair; // 5010.

The next T20 match between India and Sri Lanka will be in Mohali on December 12 (Saturday) starting at 8:00 PM IST (1430 UT) (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR National Channel, signing on Dec 3 at 1319 IS, 1320 Vande Mataram announced and that anthem played, poor on 9425 and very poor on 9470, but no blob. Meanwhile, VBS on 9870 from Bengaluru, same

transmitter site as 9425 but different azimuth, was a great deal better at 1329 with music, mentioned Masala, 1330 ``Yih Vividh Bharati`` ID by YL, 3-pip TOH timesignal which was 6 sex late compared to WWV! And Akashvani ID, presumed news.

AIR National Channel, Dec 5 at 1318 with IS on 9425 fair, // blobless 9470 poor at sign-on. As usual, VBS on 9870 was much better.

9425, AIR National Channel via Bengaluru, Dec 9 at 1435 during almost-daily English segment, playing bits of ``Eleanor Rigby`` and lecture about spirituality. Maybe involving the Beatles` fascination with India? But hard to tell due to poor reception and accent.

Meanwhile, for those with more fragmented attention spans, hyper VBS programming on 9870 from same site with usual much stronger signal, Dec 9 at 1444 in Hindi but spelling out URL in English, <http://www.vividhbharati.co.cp> and also had just given a g-mail address; Hindi pop song with SFX. That URL does not work, but I was wondering since it certainly did not end in .in; perhaps some other similar-sounding suffix. But then no AIR sites were working when I tried (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It's <http://www.vividhbharati.co.cc/> which redirects to the official Vividh Bharati site at <http://www.freewebs.com/vividhbharati/> (Andy Sennitt, ODXA yg via DXLD)

www.freewebs.com/vividhbharati is the unofficial site. Official site is <http://www.vbs.org.in> (Still under development, some of the links may not work) ---- (Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, India <http://alokeshgupta.blogspot.com/> ibid.) Lots and lots of photos (gh)

** INDIA. AIR GOS, 7550 // 9445, good signals roughly equal but with polar flutter, Dec 6 at 2157 with what I can only describe as lite music, not Indian, such as Girl from Ipanema at 2159, which had to be cut off at 2200 for ID and news. Could also // them to much weaker 6180. More lite music until all signed off at 2230 after listing frequencies to AuNZ at 1000 and one other target.

9690, AIR GOS, Monday Dec 7, so another edition of mailbag, Faithfully Yours, concluding at 1445 with address airgos @ yahoo.co.in Fair here, but // 13710 ruined by RHC leapfrog from 13770 over 13740. Why would one of the world's major broadcasters depend on Yahoo for its e-mail? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA [and non]. The Vividh Bharati tests on 6090 at 0900-1200 are due to simulcast experiments of DRM by AIR. The DRM frequency is 6100. 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Dec 4, dx_india yg via DXLD)

AIR tests in simulcast mode --- AIR R & D Dept. has been testing in 'simulcast' mode on AM 6090 & DRM 6100 kHz with approx power o/p [?? gh] of 150 kW on AM mode & 50 kW in DRM mode. AIR plans to have regular SW transmissions in simulcast mode in near future.

During ABU-AIR DRM workshop in May 2007 AIR had successfully demonstrated and evaluated transmissions in Single Channel Simulcast mode using the new MW txer at Nangli (Delhi) on AM Freq 666 (96 kW) & DRM Freq 675 KHz (4 kW)

Report on the 2007 ABU-AIR DRM workshop with details of simulcast tests can be accessed here :

<http://www.abu.org.my/abu/images/documents/Technical/JT-Doc-ITUR-SCS-bf.pdf>
(Jose Jacob & Alokesh Gupta, ibid.)

Good that India is trying out an obsolete mode of DRM on SW, even more obsolete than traditional SW! but my opposition is that it will add to the hash and ruin that frequency +-5 kHz as well. See what DW 9545 is doing around 1500, even ruining Veritas via Vatican on 9540 beamed to this area. If people want to use DRM, it's time that they have a separate segment for such and not ruin whatever is left of good SWBC.

P.S. Imagine if CRI starts simulcasts? We won't have anything left on the bands. Bad enough they deliberately come on VOA, BBC frequencies which have long been established, i.e. 9760, 9645, 9410; need I go on (Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, ibid.)

Terming a technology 'obsolete' even before it has been implemented is bit too pessimistic. What I feel that there is enough breathing space for everyone with better co-ordination, moreover when the broadcasters are leaving the band one after another.

Re RVA 9540 - Didn't they test before moving into this channel during first week of Nov since DW/BBC were already on 9545 since the beginning of B09 season, bad planning on their part !! Regards (Alokesh Gupta, India, ibid.)

QSL Alokesha, a bit harsh on my part. Hi! But it has been around too long to make any impact and proving its worth. Another similar one was SSB broadcasting, which never got off the ground.

Yes, that's what I say and many others said; many proposals were made to ask them to stick to a certain section, but they opposed it as far as I know. DRM was a pet project of two people who wanted a retirement job. How do you coordinate with DRM, when even DW beaming to Russia with 50 kW DRM would make the same frequency impossible to use from

Udorn 500/300 kW to S. Asia on the same frequency?

The long and short of it is that if DRM is used, it renders that frequency and +/- 5 anywhere that propagation is possible, [unusable] for an analogue broadcast which 99% of people have the facility to receive. True, I am no fan of DRM. I played around with it for some time with professional S/W, but lost interest as the threshold level was way too high for any use and the harm it did to the spectrum put me off (Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, ibid.)

** INDIA. ALL INDIA RADIO'S DRM EXPANSION PLANS --- GENEVA, 26TH NOV 2009

Vineeta Dwivedi, Project Director, DRM Consortium
Information based on a presentation given earlier this year by M.C.
AGGARWAL Chief Engineer (Projects) provided by AIR

About AIR

- AIR is a national service planned, developed and operated by the Prasar Bharati Broadcasting Corporation of India
- AIR has a network of 232 broadcasting centres with 149 MW, 54 SW and 171 FM transmitters.
- The coverage is 91.79% of the area , serving 99.14% of the people in the largest democracy of the world.
- AIR covers 24 Languages and 146 dialects in home services.
- In External services, it covers 27 languages; 17 national and 10 foreign languages.

Plan for 'Going Digital'

A sub-group of the Planning Commission of the Government of India on 'Going Digital' was formed headed by the Member Secretary, Planning Commission and has laid down the migration path from analogue transmission to digital:

Step I- Delhi -2010

Step II - All mega cities -2011

Step III - All Tier II & Tier III cities -2012

Step IV - All other areas -2013

Nationwide Switch off of analogue broadcast by 2015

According to All India Radio, they adopted DRM due to the following reasons:

- DRM is the universal, openly standardized, digital radio system, endorsed by the ITU, and standardized by ETSI offering near-FM sound quality, ease-of-use and can be used for a range of audio content, text and data.

- DRM is compatible with existing AM bands (spectrum usage) and services and with other radio services . DRM operates within existing spectrum allocations
- DRM provides an easy path of migration from analogue to digital broadcasting for a significantly large number of DRM compatible medium and shortwave transmitters in the AIR network.
- DRM thus maximizes re-use of existing transmitters and transmission facilities

DRM Trials in India

- DRM Trials in India were carried out in Delhi in May, 2007. The trials were part of the DRM-AIR-ABU showcase project on DRM simulcast technologies
- The principle objective of the project was to demonstrate and evaluate single channel simulcast which enables simultaneous transmission of analogue and DRM digital medium wave signals using only one transmitter.
- The DRM-AIR-ABU Showcase Project also assessed local digital transmissions in the 26 MHz band
- Two transmitters sites in north Delhi were used for all tests.

SUMMARY OF SIMULCAST TRIAL RESULTS:

- The AM and DRM coverage using the simulcast mode was confirmed to be equivalent following a radial route from the transmitter. In some environments within this radial, DRM outperformed the AM reception
- A 100 Km coverage radius was achieved using a transmitted AM power of 96.17 KW and 3.82 KW of DRM signal.
- In the urban area, they properly covered by simulcast signal up to 15 KM more than 98% of correctly received locations
- Simulcast does not interfere significantly the transmitted AM signal using a set of representative receivers of the Indian market.

DRM Transmissions in India

- Encouraged by the trial results, AIR decided to implement DRM in Shortwave.
- 250 KW SW transmitter at Khampur (near Delhi) was modified to make it DRM compatible.
- The transmitter was adopted for analog, digital and simulcast operation.
- AIR started regular DRM service from this transmitter with a formal launch on 16th January, 2009.
- Approx 5 hours of transmission are beamed towards listeners in the UK and Europe between 2315 to 0400 IST on 9950 kHz, with an additional 3 hours of local transmission within India from 1430 to 1730 IST on

6100 kHz.

[NO, 9950 has been reported back in analog for weeks now --- gh, e.g.: 9950, AIR Delhi at 1930, man in English, pause and then woman with news. // 7550 poor. Very poor Dec 5 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, BC, Canada, Eton E1 and Sony AN-1, operating portable, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) i.e. NOT DRM]

Plan For Digitalization Of All India Radio

- There are plans to introduce DRM transmissions in 34 new medium wave DRM transmitters in replacement scheme
- 36 existing medium wave transmitters shall be converted for DRM operation
- 5 new shortwave transmitters shall be installed in replacement scheme
- Installation of 2 one megawatt MW transmitters

Challenges:

- Ensuring good reception in urban area full of concrete structures & man-made noise
- Cost of conversion of Transmitters
- Availability of receivers
- Cost of receivers
- Low-power consumer receivers

Message from AIR: "The most important issues shall be to make available DRM receivers at affordable cost to the vast masses of India. It is expected that receiver manufacturers in India and abroad shall address this issue as DRM is progressively implemented in the next five years".

(Excerpts from the EBU-DRM presentation by Vineeta Dwivedi, Project Director, DRM Consortium) --- (via Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, India, Dec 4, dx_india yg via DXLD)

Thus obsoleting millions of perfectly good analog receivers, many of them owned by the poor, but who cares about them? (gh, DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 9525.9, VOI modulation in English somewhat better Dec 3 before 1400, and even better during the Malay hour following, which 1435-1455 was almost all music, more modern than the gamelan on RRI 9680, with similar signal and modulation. 1457, 9525.9 IDed only in English, not Malay, and immediately cut off air before CRI Kashgar could cut on. Usually there is an overlap as VOI restarts English and a few minutes of that goes out past 1500 before its own very rude and abrupt cutoff.

VOI missing from 9526 and 9525, Dec 4 at 1425 during Malay hour. Wish I had checked an hour earlier for English, but probably the same. No carrier at all detectable now. Don't think it was propagation, as RRI home service on 9680 was S9+15, fair with dialog in Indonesian. Altho seldom with adequate modulation, 9525.9 had been reliably on the air the last few weeks.

Next day Dec 5 at 1338, 9525.9 had a very poor but detectable carrier, and JBA modulation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.89, Voice of Indonesia, 1043-1050, Dec 5, presumed. Very weak modulation with talk and local music. Modulation too weak to even identify language but English is listed (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. WRN seems to have disappeared from Galaxy 19, transponder 27. No way of knowing if this is temporary or permanent. WRN's English, French and multilingual services had been available free-to-air on this satellite serving North America (Mike Cooper, Dec 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There is a hardware fault affecting the uplink and it is being repaired (WRN, 2114 UT Dec 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. SATELLITE INTERFERENCE STILL A PROBLEM FOR BROADCASTERS --- Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union ABU Weekly News Digest 30 November 2009

Interference to satellite signals continues to be a serious problem for many broadcasters, an international meeting in Geneva heard today.

Speakers at the World Broadcasting Unions International Satellite Operations Group (WBU-ISOG) Forum said most interference was unintentional but some was deliberately done for political reasons or caused by military activity.

The WBU-ISOG Chairman, Dick Tauber of CNN, said it was reassuring to see that many satellite operators had got together to share data on the problem. "They should all be involved in this, and I think they will all be within the next six months," he said. "WBU-ISOG has the same concerns that you have."

Possible solutions included more training for satellite uplink operators and installing 'identifiers' in encoders that would help trace the source of rogue transmissions, the meeting heard.

The two-day WBU-ISOG meeting is taking place at European Broadcasting

Union (EBU) headquarters. Organised by the world's regional broadcasting unions including the ABU, it brings together broadcasters, satellite operators and other broadcasting service providers (via Mike Terry, Dec 4, dxldyg via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL WATERS. Canadian pirate speaks out
Posted By JIM SLOTEK, SUN MEDIA

As they say, "it's not a documentary." Still, when original "pirate radio" DJ Keith Hampshire saw the Brit comedy Pirate Radio, he hoped to see something reminiscent of his years as a rock 'n' roll brigand. "It really bore no resemblance to what we went through," Hampshire says. . . <http://www.nugget.ca/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=2172046>
(via Dale Park, HI, DXLD)

** IRAN. Saludos amigos, La RedacciÛn EspaÛola de La Voz de la RepÛblica IslÛmica de IrÛn, tiene un nuevo diseÛo en su pagina web. Los pueden encontrar en: <http://spanish.iriб.ir/index.php/home>
(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

Also links to Cartas de Oyentes, some of which are headed with incredible presumption, ``en el nombre de dios''. PBUH (gh, DXLD)

6010, Voice of the Islamic Rep. of Iran; 2019-2027:40*, 4-Dec;
Language lesson, English & ?? using phrases from a tour of an Iranian village; 2027 ID & brief English news; unknown language announcement & off. SI0=333, splash from BBC via Seychelles in English on 6005.
(Frodge-MI)

7320, Voice of the Islamic Rep. of Iran; 2012-2029:13*, 5-Dec; English Travel feature on the village of Mosaref (sp?); very anti-Saudi commentary on the Yemeni civil war. SI0=433, USB helps with splash from Chinese on 7315 (Harold Frodge, MI, DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9730 at 1430 Dec 6, ``Govorit Tegeran, Golos Islamikiy Respublikiy Irana`` [pardon my declension guesses], VIRI opening Russian hour, good but fluttery and unusually better than BBC Singapore 9740; anthem, 1431 Qur'an mercifully brief, 1432 already back to Russian announcement. At 1434 came across // 9575, but on the latter, undermodulated and distorted.

9730 is 250 kW, 26 degrees from Ahwaz site, while 9575 is 500 kW, 330 degrees from Sirjan site, the latter closer to USward, but inferior here.

While on Dec 6, VIRI's Russian from 1430 was better via Ahwaz on 9730 than Sirjan on 9575, it was the opposite on Dec 7 at 1518: 9730 quite

weak, but 9575 quite strong, altho still distorted (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRELAND [non]. SOUTH AFRICA [q.v.]. 6225, 04/12/2009, at 2010 I was hearing Radio France International in French. Presumably a mix-up with feeds as the following day it was back to RT... Ireland via WRN as usual. With best wishes from: (James MacDonell, Niger State, Nigeria, Dec 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL [and non]. I don't know about the Arab world, but I do know about Israel. A quarter of the population of Israel is Arabs and they speak to one another in Arabic and they prefer to read Arab newspapers. Arabs learn Hebrew in elementary school and have access to all Hebrew media. Arabs learn English in high school. Nobody will tell anyone in Israel not to listen to Radio Netherlands. Sangean and Sony portable radios can be bought in Israel. The situation is not ideal - for everyone in Israel as all of the media outlets are censored. As long as censorship prevents the whole world from knowing something, that is okay, but when censorship prevents only Israelis from knowing something, that is bad. There is no appeal against the censor.

During the Cast Lead war in the Gaza strip, the BBC World Service reported that an Israeli tank fired on a UN truck and killed two men. UN trucks are painted white with UN in big letters. This was not reported in the Israeli media. The BBC report was not mentioned and not denied. The UN reported the incident to their head office. Israel did not censor the UN. The BBC got the report from the UN head office. Let me make it clear I did not hear the BBC report on short wave; I heard it from the BBC Cyprus relay on medium wave as this station can be heard in Israel on any radio. This was a case of silly, stupid censorship (David Crystal, Israel, Making Contact, Dec World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** ITALY [non]. WOR on IRRS at 0900 [not] --- It appears that WORLD OF RADIO will not be airing on IRRS this Saturday morning at 0900, as I had thought based on info from IRRS. The monthly (?) Joystick was to have aired last Saturday, but this publicity from Tom Taylor indicates it will also be appearing this week.:

Radio Joystick Relay on 9510 kHz --- Dear Listeners, The relay of Radio Joystick is on this Saturday the 5th of December 2009 on 9510 khz. The Transmission time is between 0900 to 1000 UT with a power of 150 KW via the IRRS. Radio Joystick is on the air every 1st Saturday of the month at the same time and on the same channel (Tom Taylor, Dec 4, HCDX via DXLD)

Presumably the 0900 Sat airing on 9510 for WOR applies only to Dec 12 and 19 as it is also to be pre-empted Dec 26. As far as I know, the

Sat 1900 airings on 6170 are not being pre-empted. Observations from Europe on what really goes on air are welcome (Glenn Hauser, Dec 4, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9510 0900 UT, Radio Joystick, 73 (Achim Brueckner, <http://www.freeradio.de> <http://www.dxradio.de> RX: NRD 525 GF ANT: ARA 30, QTH: Detmold 5156 N 852 E Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

An interval signal started at 0858. Station ID at 0900: "This is IRRS in Milano, signing on." Then English announcement from Radio Joystick broadcasting to Central Europe from Germany. Followed by disco-like music and German talks between the songs. Is it definite that IRRS relayed from Romania? (Sergei S., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) No!

This was just a temporary assumption five years ago, after they had closed down the low power transmitter on a farm in Italy.

The current Nexus/IRRS transmissions originate from Rimavsk· Sobota in Slovakia. And this is definite, since RVR, the Slovak body for broadcasting regulation, has issued and published a licence for these transmissions in April 2007.

Remember that this could become the only shortwave transmissions from Slovakia if Slovensky Rozhlas really terminates its use of Rimavsk· Sobota at yearend for lack of money (Kai Ludwig, Germany, *ibid.*)

Glenn, Unfortunately there will be no WOR on Saturday mornings in Dec, as all non member, non paid or free repeats are cancelled due to member requests for additional airtime, which is typical for December. The WOR evening on 6170 slot stands still. Enjoy. 73, (Alfredo E. Cotroneo, CEO, NEXUS-Int'l Broadcasting Association, Dec 5, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9510, Rimavska Sobota, Slovak Republic, Saturday only 9-10 UT. Today the "short distance" propagation conditions were excellent, even on 31 mb frequency from Rimavska Sobota in the Slovak Republic. Country Sound "Joystick" program via IRRS Milano Berlusconiland broker, at 09-10 UT a little fluttery of lowest S=8 signal up to average range mostly S=9+10 dB up to the peak. Wb (Wolfgang B·schel, Stuttgart, Germany, Dec 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6170, 1910-1920, SLOVAKIA, Sat 05.12 World of Radio, via IRRS, Rimavska Sobota. English DX-tips read by Glenn Hauser. However, the signal was too weak to be able to catch any word of it! 24222, QRM German speaking station on 6170 (Anker Petersen, on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire heard here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

Hmm, nothing scheduled besides IRRS during this bihour, except a wooden registration for Bangladesh to Europe --- or have they started broadcasting in German? Or someone else has moved in. Or was the German from Scandinavian Weekend Radio, Finland's monthly broadcast which you heard earlier at 0915-1430 on 6170? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. 6055, R Nikkei-1, 1209, Dec 02, Japanese talk, classical orchestral music // 9595 also audible, weak but improving. Blocked by co-channel Prague 1228. Quite surprised to catch them at this hour because I usually hear them in our local morning. 73, (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [and non]. Radio Nikkei report from Tokyo and Kyoto. Unfortunately I forgot to take my portable long wire antenna for my Sony portable, so I had to rely on its inbuilt whip. I was particularly interested to see how well Radio Nikkei's reception was in Tokyo and Kyoto.

Both 3925 and 3945 kHz were good in both places when they were on the air. They were quite steady during daylight but 3925 kHz had a bit of selective fading at night.

6055 and 6115 kHz were good during the day in both places but 6055 kHz couldn't be heard at night. 9760 (and 3945 and 6115) kHz closed before sundown.

9595 and 9760 kHz were useless, I occasionally could barely hear them in daylight and 9595 kHz was never heard at night. Perhaps over longer distances, such as Hokkaido in the north and Okinawa in the south, 31 metres may have worked, I don't know.

JPN NSB R Nikkei Nagara-1 3925 6055 9595 kHz. -2 3945 6115 9760 kHz
35 27 52.10 N 140 12 22.32 E
(Gordon Brown, from Japan, Nov 29, wwdx BC-DX TopNews Dec 4 via DXLD)

Radio Nikkei, Japan, 3925 & 6055 kHz, had an English language lesson this morning at 1300 UT. Good signal on both frequencies (Harold Sellers, Vernon, BC, Dec 7! dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Probably every Monday; other days, German, French (gh, DXLD)

** JAPAN [non]. 11705, NHKWRJ, VG via Canada, Sunday Dec 6 at 1415-1429 with monthly on first Sunday World of Haiku feature, which I always enjoy hearing; it's a subprogram within World Interactive. And it's so nice not to have to worry about the pre-echo as this season the // from Yamata direct is on 5955 instead of 11705 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 2850, KCBS, 1257, 11/30/09. Operatic-style vocals by female. Weak, but in the clear. Time pips to TOH were 1 second late. TOH announcements followed by OM & YL exchanging statements with an emphatic tone. Faded fast after 1300 (Jerry Strawman, Des Moines, IA, Dec 6, Drake R8B, Wellbrook 330S 1.1M Loop, Wellbrook ALA-100 Rectangular 85' Loop, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 5985, Sea Breeze, in English Wednesday Dec 9, YL telling story of an abductee in the 1970s. Via JSR, JAPAN. As always, no QRM audible here, fair signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glen[n]. What time did you hear Sea Breeze? (Alex Wellner, Australia) Oops. It was 1417 UT. The transmission on 5985 is always 1400-1430 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) And everyone, please do not hesitate to ask if you spot a mistake or omission in my reports! (gh)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 7515, UZBEKISTAN, Radio Free Chosun via Tashkent, 1954 carrier noted, 2000 sign-on with anthem, woman in Korean. (Poor-fair Dec 5 Harold Sellers, Vernon, BC, Canada, Eton E1 and Sony AN-1, operating portable, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN. TURKEY, On MW 1062 kHz heard many times repeated "Edet Radio" (it is in Turkish) and "TRT Radio Sheshe" (in Kurdish) at 1530 UT on Nov 24th. Seems "TRT Diyarbakir" is replaced in the new spirit of internal Turkey politic? UnID in Turkish at 1500 UT on MW 954 kHz but not TRT program heard. Other programs in Turkish from Turkey were observed at 1520 UT on 927 and 891 kHz (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Dec 1, wwdx BC-DX TopNews Dec 4 via DXLD)

20 Millions Kurdish national people within Turkey are allowed now to call their villages bi-lingual, like of Kurdish origin name and in Turkish too. Also Kurdish nationals are allowed now to talk Kurdish language in the family at home. This 90 years after the collapse of the Osmanic Empire (Wolfgang Bischel, ibid.) How tolerant of the Turx!! (gh)

** KUWAIT. Heard again after a long time of bad propagation on Dec. 7th is the Farsi service of Radio Kuwait on 7250 kHz, coming in with fair signals at around 0815, with mostly music on the menu (Robert Foerster, Germany, Dec 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS [non]. Sorry my english google. Recordings on my blog <http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006> --- 7510, 08/Dez 2234, TAIWAN, Suab Xaa Moo Zoo (V of Hope), in Hmong-Blue/Njua, from Taipei, with 100 kW, OM Talk and after Christmas music, "happy night". OM talks between background music. Sign improvement after 2240. Seems radio soap. 2257 music in the voice of child. 2259 OM Talk ID, and end of transmission.

Recorded. 25432. 73 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia - Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LITHUANIA. HCJB via Sitkunai Lithuania now daily and on a different frequency according to Sigitas Zilionis' website (was Sundays only on 3960): Schedule is now: Daily** 3955 1630-1730 UT Russian/Chechen?
(** Sundays from 1530)

(60 metre band is also used by Sitkunai for relay of IRIB Iran daily 1430-1530 on 3960)

Full SW & MW schedule via Lithuania updated December is at <http://www.zilionis.lt/rtv/radio-am.php?e>
(Alan Pennington, Dec 5, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** MADAGASCAR [non]. 15670, Radio Mada International (presumed) via Pridnestrovye. *1530, Dec 6. Tuned in at 1526 to tones on and off again; program was just above threshold level; very poor. A month ago this had fair reception. On Dec 5 was unable to even hear the tones, so not sure if they were on or not (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. 6049.60v, Radio Suara Islam FM, 1547-1600, Dec 4. In Vernacular; reciting from the Qurian; 1557 end of program announcement; choral National Anthem (Negaraku ñ Lagu Kebangsaan Malaysia); fair.

6049.60v, Salam FM via RTM, 1600, Dec 4. In vernacular; 1+1 pips; singing iSalam FMî jingle; sounded like a talk on Islam, probably from a mosque, as there was an echo, as if in a large structure; 1602*. Dan Sheedy noted 1604* on Dec 3. Seems to just be an audio feed to fill in the time after the end of Radio Suara Islam FM broadcast and when they finally go off the air. Therefore would expect the timing of this audio feed to vary from a few minutes to half an hour, but do not think they will actually run the whole Salam FM program. Rather anticlimactic, as I had hoped for the full program, not just this teaser! (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. 7295, Traxx FM (presumed); 1143-1200+, 6-Dec; M&W in English with C&W and lite pop music. Poor but best heard in ages. Chinese QRM from 7290 which went off at 1157, but another s/on at 1200 covered it (Harold Fodge, MI, DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALI. Glenn, Escutei em 9635 khz ±s 1750 UT, o idioma parecia ser vernacular africana e n,ºo a encontrei nas listas Aoki e EIBI. Quando efetuei a grava,ºo estava em uma m'sica e assim foi ate o final da tx ±s 1800 UT. No final da grava,ºo parece um sinal de identifica,ºo, mas

n,,o h· fala. Pode me ajudar na ID? Segue ·udio. Um abraÁo (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia - Brasil, Dec 9, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Cuts off the air just as they start talking at end of clip. Surely it's Mali, per WRTH 2010 scheduled until 1800 on 9635; same station as on 7285v, 5995 at other times. Seems I have heard similar music on 5995 around 0700. Strange that it is missing from Aoki, EiBi, and also HFCC (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MAURITANIA. Hi Glenn, this morning, Dec. 3rd, I observed the QSY by Radio Mauritanie from 4845 to 7245 kHz. 4845 went off the air at 0833. On 7245 kHz, only a very weak signal was audible afterwards, certainly not from Nouakchott as Mali came in with 40 dB. Some minutes later, a 50 dB signal came on, the modulation was much better than yesterday and the vernacular program similar to that heard before on 4845 kHz. So it seems that they have reactivated both shortwave frequencies. 73s gd DX (Robert Foerster, Germany, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4845, 6/12 1947, Radio Mauritania NOT on air (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Mauritanie heard regularly on reactivated 7245 kHz. Was missing on Dec. 7th, but noted all other days with quite a good signal but weak modulation, starting at around 0850 (Robert Foerster, Germany, Dec 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4845, ORTM is back on after a brief absence, Dec 8 at 0646 in Arabic; fair signal but very weak modulation. Since this is so unreliable, we wonder if the vast outback regions of this country are without national radio service when it is off? And now it also has DRM from Alaska to contend with (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. In Plainview, Texas, for a basketball tournament, I've run across a new Mexican station that's been dominant at sunrise and sunset on the car radio on the road. As I've listened, I concluded it was either XEHB or XEHP in Hidalgo del Parral, "Radio Viva (Vida, or Vita, or Villa)" cincuenta mil wats, dominating 730 khz between Matador and Nazareth. Programming around sunset is one of these many-voiced studio and phone "funny" shows with lots of sound-effects and laugh-tracks that we hear in the morning on U.S. Spanish-speaking stations.

The full ID that comes at the beginning of long commercial strings at about :08 and :38 actually includes call letters and frequency in English, prior to the Spanish CL, a real surprise. I checked Cant' from the motel tonight, and find he has XEHB-730, Radio Viva Villa, in

Hidalgo del Parral, so my ears are still good! Also in Plainview, Wednesday night, all day Thursday, and this morning, KVOP-1090 was off the air. KRLD IBOC, KAAY and XEMCA were heard (John Callarman, KA9SPA, Family Genealogist, Retired Newspaper Editor, DX-oyente, Krum TX (AKA Qal R. Mann, Krumudgeon), Dec 4, IRCA via DXLD)

** MEXICO. 6010, XEOI Radio Mil; 0702-0710+, 5-Dec; Spanish pop music; Mexico promo at 0709+. SI0=322+ with Portuguese co-channel QRM; 1317-1322+, 6-Dec; Spanish pop music; ID at 1321 + other promos. SI0=3+43 (Harold Fodge, MI, DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6010, R. Mil, Dec 8 at 1352, a time when it is reliably QRM-free, with ``Escuela Enfoque`` discussion attributed to EstÈreo Cien y Radio Mil, altho at first I thought they said Radio MÈxico. Poor but clear signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 6104.8, XEQM MÈrida, Dec 3 at 1338, conversation in Spanish fading in and out, then music with heavy beat; no het, but splash from Cuba 6110. Made sure it was really not on 6105.0, where it seems we have a one-hour no-QRM window between Taiwan closing at 1300 and VOA Philippines opening at 1400, nominal times. XEOI was also in clear on 6010 with much better signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6104.75, XEQM, Candela MÈrida; 0338-0346+, 5-Dec; Ranchera y norteña mÈsica; MÈrida noticias promo at 0343 into ad string. Poor (Harold Fodge, MI, DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. 6185, XEPPM lucked out with a few more minutes than usual of non-interference from BrasÌlia, still in the clear at 0643 Dec 8 with guitar music, but by next check 0652 RNA was on and blowing it away.

6185, XEPPM with piano concerto atop rumble from Vatican at 0619 Dec 9, the latter soon vanishing leaving Radio EducaciÛn in the clear for the time being (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also BRAZIL [and non]

** MEXICO. Re 9-083: Radio MÈxico Internacional --- Estimados Amigos Todos, Agradeaco los correos recibidos, algunos de agradecimiento y otros de cuestionamiento de la forma de conservar la seÛal de RMI.

Les comento que la p.Ûgina seguirÌa en lÌnea, pero sin audio, el detalle es el compromiso de seguir teniendo audio, ya que presisamente el 12 de Diciembre prÛximo, se termina mi contrato de ancho de banda para la operaciÛn del sistema.

Haciendo un esfuerzo por conservar a RMI en la internet se colocÛ un banner de donativo. A los que han preguntado si haciendo donativo

conservaría la señal, les respondo que sí, esto me permitiría contratar más tiempo; envío este correo a toda la comunidad para que sea del conocimiento de todos que hay un grupo de amigos que están dispuestos a apoyar este proyecto, por lo que no puedo hacerme de oídos sordos e ignorarles.

He hecho gestiún para hacer una ampliación de tiempo de servicios, pero esto quedará condicionado al esfuerzo recaudado; yo también pondré mi parte, por lo que igualaré al 100% cada aportación que se reciba y con ello mantener a nuestra RMI en funcionamiento.

Quiero pedirles a todos, me ayuden a difundir este mensaje en sus listas de radio y con quienes consideren puedan estar interesados en el tema.

A todos los que me han escrito para darme su apoyo y aliento les digo que eso me reconforta y que me da el compromiso de continuar y no dejarles sin señal de la identidad de mi México querido; a los amigos mexicanos les digo muchas gracias y espero contar de igual forma con su apoyo, que no solo el económico es importante, de igual manera es importante el que participen y aporten contenidos a esta nuestra emisora. Saludos (Antonio Martínez, Dec 6, noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

** MOROCCO [and non]. 15341: Hi Glen[n], this station active again today 09 Dec 2009 1050 UT.

Previous heard 15340, 07 Dec 2009 1237 strong clear signals assumed Indonesian Language, 15340, HCJB Global Voice Australia. Winradio WR-G313i and Quicksilver QS1R receivers. 73 dave G8SZX
<http://www.g8szx.co.uk> (David Towers, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. 5770, Myanmar Defense Forces Br. Station (presumed), 1517-1528*, Dec 4. In vernacular; pop songs; indigenous music at sign off is usually very brief, but today played for about 45 seconds; fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5770, 1315-1500 Dec 6, Myanmar Defense Forces BC, Taunggyi - talk, music, at 1411 news? talk about "Yangon" suff/good! (first time for me!) Rx: rfspace sdr-iq; ant: wellbrook ala1530s+ indoor (Leonardo Bolli - Italy, AppuntiDx Radio Blog: <http://appuntidx.blogspot.com> playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DXLD)

** NEPAL [and non]. WITH NO ITU REGISTRATION, BORDER FM RADIO AT RISK KOSH RAJ KOIRALA

KATHMANDU, Dec 5: The government's failure to maintain trans-border coordination while issuing radio frequency licenses in the bordering

Tarai districts has placed the investment in FM radio stations at risk. The failure of trans-border coordination has not only led to the problem of frequency overlapping, but also left the FM radio frequencies insecure, with the prospect of having to shut down promptly if International Telecommunications Union (ITU) regulations are anything to go by. . . Published on 2009-12-05 08:26:48 Source: http://www.myrepublica.com/portal/index.php?action=news_details&news_id=12547 (Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. RADIO NETHERLANDS WORLDWIDE WINTER GUIDE 2009/10

We'll be working more closely with partners so expect to see Radio Netherlands Worldwide popping up in lots of new places as we go into 2010. Of course, we'll still be working hard to improve our own broadcasts and website. There'll be an expanded hour-long Earth Beat - our sustainable development show - made for our own broadcasts and our US partners. Even more collaborations are likely to follow mid-season, so check the website for announcements.

The State We're In continues to expand its partnership network too and is also looking for more contributions from you. Visit the site and find out how your story can be featured in the show. We will continue to incorporate documentaries into our Classic Dox series and there'll be more video content on offer online. RNW's Music productions, showcasing the best in classical, jazz and European pop will also feature prominently in the winter season - both online and on air.

We have news and current affairs with Newsline and Network Europe and Dutch culture in Curious Orange and Radio Books. African coverage has also been strengthened with an expanded Bridges with Africa team. Our website, <http://www.rnw.nl> has been revamped and we continue looking for ways to make it even better - to showcase our material and let you have your say. You'll also see RNW stories popping upon other websites around the world too as we expand our web partner network. And if you're a Facebook fan you'll find us there too. Check out The State We're In's Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/tswi.org>

Bridges with Africa is a weekly magazine show focusing on the links between Africa and Europe; our expert team brings you a mix of current affairs, features and music. Our Africa department now has a dedicated website too - <http://www.rnw.nl/africa> - listeners are encouraged to take part and send in comments. You can find this show on Facebook too. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bridges-With-Africa/87654809383>

Curious Orange is a look at everything Dutch and now features more on-location reports from RNW journalists who are scouring the country for the best stories. Michel Walraven hosts the show, which goes beyond the clichÈs and shows the many faces of modern Holland.

<http://blogs.rnw.nl/curiousorange/>

Earth Beat. Sustainable development is one of the hottest topics in our warming world and each week Earth Beat looks at the latest trends. Host Mamie Chesterton, backed by an expanded team will be keeping you up-to-date with the latest environmental and development stories. But don't worry, we'll still be doing it all with a smile on our faces and will try to avoid giving listeners any guilt trips.

<http://www.rnw.nl/english/radioprogramme/EarthBeat>

The State We're In is the programme about how we treat each other - "human rights, wrongs and everything in-between" is the show's motto. People come first in this hour-long programme made each week in partnership with WAIIVIU [sic! That's WAMU; was this optically scanned? --- gh] 88.5 FM the leading public radio station in Washington DC.

Hosted by Jonathan Groubert, the show takes a global look at the issues facing us all in an increasingly interwoven world. Also with a presence on Facebook, the show is always on the lookout for your stories - visit the website and see how you can take part:

<http://www.tswi.org>

Classic Dox presents the best of Radio Netherlands Worldwide documentaries from our archives on subjects ranging from human rights and development to arts, culture and history - as well as insightful or moving personal stories - many of which have won awards at international festivals.

<http://www.rnw.nl/english/radioprogramme/classic-dox>

Network Europe Monday to Friday we bring you this lively mix of the latest European news, current affairs and culture. Finding out what's creating a buzz on the continent, who's making the headlines and which issues are keeping Europeans most animated. With a daily dose of the latest trend-setting music Network Europe gives a daily snapshot of life in the EU.

Weekends see Network Europe Week, a roundup of the best bits of the daily show, on a Saturday. Network Europe Extra on Sunday features art, music, cinema, food and lifestyle trends. The programmes are made in partnership with the continent's leading international broadcasters under the Euranet consortium. <http://www.euranet.eu>

More Shows: Our Radio Books, Wednesdays, are stories from up-and-coming young Dutch and Belgian authors, and our highlights show Reloaded Sunday gives you another chance to hear the best bits of a mix of all our shows. All programmes are available on-air via satellite, on-demand and podcast. You can also listen live online and we can be heard on a host of partner stations around the world.

You can contact us via email at letters @ rnw.nl and you can also write to us at Radio Netherlands Worldwide, PO Box 222, 1200 JG, Hilversum, The Netherlands. And check out Facebook for Bridges with Africa and The State We're In. Visit our homepage and sign up for an email bulletin based on RNW news broadcasts, distributed daily at 1600 UT. You can also receive programme previews and sign up for the Media blog newsletter here: <http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork>
(via Arthur Ward, Dec World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS. 1395 reactivated: see U K [non]

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Part 1 of my conversation with Dody Cowan of His & Hers is now online. Goto <http://www.pcjmedia.com> then click on program archives to download (Keith Perron, Taiwan, Happy Station, Dec 3, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Among other things she says that she and Jerry were subjected to anti-Semitic harassment and downgraded job responsibilities before they finally left RNW. The former came from foreign staffers, not from native Dutch who had had first-hand experience with Nazi occupation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The 0200 UT transmission on 9955 of Happy Station Show this week will be live. There might be a few bugs that need to be worked out during the show but it should be interesting. If your out of the target area you can listen on the webstream at <http://www.wrmi.net>
(Keith <http://www.pcjmedia.com> Dec 9, dxlydg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I.e., 0200 UT Thursday Dec 10, ya, also on demand (gh, DXLD)

Happy Station December 25 & 31, 2009

December 24, 2009 Happy Stations Christmas Special ALL REGIONS
Tom Meijer will make an appearance with a song recorded for this show.
Also a number of other surprises.

Happy Station New Years Specials
0200 to 0400 UT - Latin/South America/Caribbean
My guest co-host will be David Monson. We have a number of contributions sent in from different places.

1600 to 1800 UT - North America
This show will be done live from Hong Kong with many more contributions. Bob Zanotti and Bob Thomann will join me on this show and they will present a special Swiss Merry Go Round. The first new show since 1994. We will also be cutting to a live concert of the Hong Kong Symphony's year end concert. I will also be announcing the

winners for our year end contest:

Prizes are:

1. Sangean ATS909
2. Sangean ATC606a
3. Jerry Berg's books
4. One year membership to Communication's from the BDXC
5. 10 CD's of Easy Come, Easy Go from Tom Meijer

For stations that relay Happy Station they will get a 55 min edited version of the live show.

Starting in 2010 three MPR (Minnesota Public Radio) stations will start to carry The Happy Station Show. And the ABC Radio affiliate in Adelaide. Also WRN's European feed. When the dates are confirmed I will post them. Regards, (Keith Perron, Taiwan, Dec 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Keith, Let us try to head off confusion about the correct days, dates and times for these well before the broadcasts.

You say Dec 25 and 31 in the subject, then you say Dec 24 in the body. Dec 25 is on a Friday, Dec 31 is on a Thursday. Regular WRMI times for HS are UT Thu at 0200 and 1600. Will the specials (or one of them) be on UT Friday instead?

Or will both of them be on the regular nites and days, just expanded by one hour?

Just for us, please give the correct times, dates and days in UT, and then the correct times, dates and days in Eastern Time = WRMI local for each of the broadcasts.

What about the several HS repeat times on WRMI during the following week which are normally only one hour long? I am also asking Jeff White about this. Thanks, (Glenn, ibid.)

Glenn: I think the attached file will answer your questions about local days/times and UTC days/times. Keith already has a copy of this (Jeff White, WRMI, ibid.) Viz.: mostly about dates past in November, the only future ones being:

Special Programs on 9955 kHz
Day (ET) Date (ET) Time (ET) Time/Day (UTC) Beam Program Notes

Wednesday 12/30/09 9:00-11:00 pm 0200-0400 Thursday Latin America
Happy Station New Year Special

Thursday 12/31/09 11:00 am-1:00 pm 1600-1800 Thursday North America
Happy Station New Year Special Live by phone

In the one-hour repeat time slots, only the first hour will air, depending on when Keith uploads the programs. Like you do with WOR, as soon as he uploads a new program, that's what airs from that moment on (Jeff White, WRMI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

OK, but that covers only the NY specials on Dec 30/31. What about around Xmas? (gh to Jeff, via DXLD)

Glenn: As far as I know, the only special transmissions (i.e. outside normal times and days) are the ones I sent you. Keith may have special programming planned for around Christmas, but it would be at the regularly-scheduled times (Jeff White, WRMI, DXLD)

FOR WRMI ONLY: The Dec 24 UTC Christmas show will have two transmissions only at 0200 UT and 1600 UT. During the repeat times that follow it will be a back up show that will air.

On December 31 UT. The show with my co-host David Monson will have one broadcast from 0200 to 0400 UT. The show from 1600 to 1800 UT will be edited down to 55 min for the other relays. The 55 min version of this transmission will be the one that is repeated over WRMI (Keith Perron, dxldyg via DXLD)

** NIGERIA. Answer to your question regarding Nigeria [on 15121] ...
``Would this be VON's brand-new transmitter, since the old one did not shift off-frequency like this?''

Answer: ...not necessarily, the old one was on +0,75kHz several days this year, so 9690.75 and 15120.75. But causing a huge het to whom on 15120 at 1700+, as Harold reported? 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, africalist editor, Dec 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. [Pirate] 6950 USB, WTCR, 0405-0427*, English, Dec 6. Long string of vintage early 80's "New Wave" songs. Man with ID at 0427, "This is WTCR, 20th Century Radio," and off. Only announcement heard in entire broadcast. Signal varied a lot, but on the peaks, very strong, S10-555 (Eton E1/Grundig G3, Mike Bryant, Louisville, KY, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1210, KGYN Guymon signal is still seldom at its 'normal' good daytime groundwave level. Bandscan Dec 8 at a hotspot in western Enid on caradio at 1854 UT did find it audible but poorly with country music.

1120, KEOR, Catoosa-Tulsa-Sperry, Dec 8 at 1855 UT with ID only for the station it is relaying, ``KJMU, Hot 1340 The Groove`` and PSA for The 100 Black Men of Tulsa, an interventionist group. Googling that, I

quickly see that there are 100 Black Men chapters all over the US and some abroad: <http://www.100blackmen.org/> This early, no skywave QRM from KMOX audible.

1040, on my caradio at 1857 UT Dec 8 I am getting a clear weak signal from local KGWA-960, instead of IA or TX, with local ads matching during national talkshow. Not sure if a genuine spur. I was not parked in the immediate vicinity of the transmitter site. Nor on the 10-kHz step tuner only, can I be sure it was exactly on 1040, but sounded so (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. 9345, R. Pakistan Islamabad, *1159-1216, Nov 30, listed Bangla. IS; Kor'an-like chant into W announcer with brief talks between various chants & ballads; anthem-like fanfare at 1215 into M with talk; fair-poor with het via presumed co-channel N. Korea (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-545, RX-350D, MLB1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PALAU. Palau island shortwave info request --- Hello to all the group and I know it's been a while since I last posted; job has gotten in the way. I am here in Japan at the moment. My ship is planning to pay a port visit to Palau Island and was thinking of checking out the shortwave relay station on the island. I am wondering if anyone has any info on what part of the island and where it would be located. I will take some pictures and see if I can get a tour of the station. If you can send the email back to me via my hotmail account, I will view it at sea enroute to the island. My email account is n6hpx1 @ hotmail.com Thanks. 73 de (Larry, n6hpx/mm, USNS Kiska, 5 Dec, swl at qth.net via DXLD)

PLW T8WH4 WHRI Koror [exT8BZ_KHBN_Medorn (Gospel Radio)], Palau

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<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=7.457825&lon=134.477882&z=17.95&r=0&src=msl>

wb df5sx <<http://topnews.wwdxc.de>> (Wolfgang Bischel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. FALLECIO LA DUE-A DE RADIO HUANTA 2000
<http://radioperiodico2000.blogspot.com/2009/12/fallecio-la-duena-de-radio-huanta-2000.html>

La dueña de la corporación más importante de la región, Radio Cobriza

2000, filial Radio Huanta 2000, y tele 2000, falleciÓ a la edad de 85 aÒos tras estar postrada por varios meses vÌctima de un mal que lo aquejaba.

Faustina MaravÌ Castro, dejo de existir cerca de las 2:00pm en presencia de sus hijos y esposo, dejando un gran vaciÛ en su familia y su empresa el cual fundÛ desde hace mas de 26 aÒos atr.s.

Mama iFausí como los locutores y periodistas lo conocían, trabajÛ mucho por llevar adelante su empresa radial junto a su esposo don Humberto Sapaico Salazar. Ambos huancaínos decidieron establecerse en Cobrizo donde iniciaron a operar cuando fundaron Radio Cobrizo 2000, y luego en los aÒos 1980 decidieron abrir una filial en la ciudad de Huanta, donde operaron a travÈs Onda corta 4755 kHz, Onda media 1160, para aÒos m·s adelante brindar sus servicios a travÈs de la FM 92.9 Stereo, cuando mama iFausí decidiÛ equipar la radio con aparatos traídos desde el extranjero y con 1 kW de potencia, y culminando su anhelo de salir al aire con un canal de TV, ahora Tele 2000 en seÒal abierta y Cable canal.

Sus restos vienen siendo velados en su casa radial donde ella fundÛ y desarrollÛ para el dÍa de hoy ser trasladados al cementerio general de esta ciudad en horas de la tarde (via JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, Dec 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

4746.90, Radio Huanta Dos Mil, 1043-1100, In here with a female in Spanish language comments. Signal begins at a fair level, but some fading occurs as the minutes pass. Comments continue the entire period (Chuck Bolland, December 6, 2009, Watkins Johnson HF1000, 26.27N 081.05W, Clewiston FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4955, OAX5S, Radio Cultural Amauta; 1040-1101+, 6-Dec; Spanish religious program with address in Quito, Ecuador; RCA ID at 1059+ into camp'o music. SIO=352+, QRN (Harold Frogge, MI, DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. 11560, VOA news in English about Thailand, Dec 6 at 2212, fair with flutter. At 2301 had improved to VG signal but 'hollow' sound indicating multipath reverb rather than long/short path which makes more pronounced echo. This is on that 21 degree antenna from Tinang, i.e. along the north coast of Alaska, across Canada thru Sioux Lookout, SW Ontario, Michigan, South Carolina (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** POLAND [non]. PRES, came across 11860 in English at 1345 Thursday Dec 3, so quickly retuned to always better // 11675 via AUSTRIA. Slawek Szefs was talking about the ubiquitous Christopher Lewis, who is going to visit R. Prague next week, and wants a report from him

about that. Then clips of Chris on phone edited tightly together about PRES reception in England:

11675 is perfect every day; 11860 has some co-channel interference. 9650 in the evening (1800) is a total washout, a shame since it's just not listenable, very weak, not worth the expense, due to propagation conditions, and low modulation. Altho two days last week it was outstanding, faded out by 25 past the hour. Suggest change of site for this from UAE to Austria or somewhere better for Europe. France or even UK would be preferable on 3 MHz band, where Skelton is well heard relaying other stations.

This was the Multimedia show, ending at 1349, then promo for Off Sides, a sports-cum-music show on Fridays, repeated weekends, and then today, Letter from Poland, by a YL visitor, or resident from abroad, complaining amusingly about how hard it is to travel by train, due to confusing signage and grouchy ticket agents. 1357 signing off, 1358 filling with a bit of Polish reggae, or so it sounded (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL [and non]. 15560, RDPI with usual big weekend signal, Dec 5 at 1420; during pauses could hear squeal on the transmission. Modulation somewhat distorted, not just, I think, due to selective fading. Program: Hotel Internacional which is really a pop music chart show, nothing to do with the hostelry biz, Sats 1410-1500. Plays same jingle between each pair of songs.

Some of the songs in English so not clear to me just what the parameters are. This page has audio files of last few shows, says based on Tabela AFP: <http://ww1.rtp.pt/multimedia/index.php?prog=1278>

This page autolaunches the 'latest' show, still 11/28 as of three hours after airing new one 12/5
http://ww1.rtp.pt/programas-rtp/index.php?e_id=&c_id=5&dif=radio&p_id=1278

So we have yet more musical choices on 19m Saturday mornings: from 1430 on 15700, R. Bulgaria's rather more exotic folk music show; on 15410, R. Farda with its mix of Farsi and western pop music; 15330, R. Marti's music documentary, this week at 1445 on Trio Los Panchos, but that's mostly narration, with musical clips (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RDP International, 15560 kHz, F/D QSL card correctly verifying a reception report sent by e-mail in 3 audio files in 234 days after 3 follow up e-mails (Julio Rolando Pineda Cordón, GUATEMALA, Dec CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

Julio says i This verification deserves special attention since the

F/D QSL card came along with a personal letter, 1 program schedule, 1 frequency schedule, 1 T-shirt, 1 necklace key ring, 1 pen, 2 tourist booklets and a sticker making this station one of the most benevolent sending goodies to their listeners; Great!î (Mick Delmage, ed., ibid.)

** PUERTO RICO. QSL: WPRP, Ponce, 910 personal letter in 18 Years (!) - v/s Carlos Conesa, who says his grandfather started the station in 1936. Carlos sold the station in 1999 but continued to work there until mid. 2009. Now retired from the radio, he says he found my report mislaid by his secretary among some papers heis taken with him from the station. His QTH: 1520 Waterfall Ln., Little Elm, TX 75068, U.S.A. (Vashek Korninek, Czech Republic, Dec MW News via DXLD) ?? He was in RSA; has he moved back, or was he in Czechia 18 years ago? (gh, DXLD)

** ROMANIA. RRI won't speak English to us in our mornings any more, but on 11940, Dec 5 at 1353 after kid's squeaky voice in Romanian, at least played cowboy song in English, ``Wherever You Go, We Go, Amigo''. VG signal here as well as in German on 11970 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. 6010, Radio Romania International; *2030, 4-Dec; IS from 2028:32 right after Iran s/off; on in Slavic language with RRI ID, net spot into news at 2031+. Good. Apparently a recent sked addition. Relay? (Harold Fodge, MI, DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST) No:

** ROMANIA [and non]. But RRI Bucharest via Saftica 100 kW unit produced another interference hell to Radio Bulgaria and Radio Tirana outlets, which registered in August 2009 already. RRI Saftica will settle down from Dec 3rd instead:

Serbian
1830-1856 NF 5955@ TIG 100 kW 270 deg
2030-2056 NF 6010 TIG 100 kW 270 deg
@co-ch Voice of Vietnam in Vietnamese

Ukrainian
1800-1826 NF 6200 or 6025 TIG 100 kW 030 deg
2000-2026 NF 5950 or 6060 TIG 100 kW 030 deg
(Wolfgang B,schel, Dec 3, BC-DX via DXLD)

** ROMANIA [and non]. Interferences between Radio Romania and Radio Tirana. Hello, I would like to inform you that starting from today Radio Romania is using new frequencies as the following:

1800-1830 UT, instead of 6000 will be 6200
2000-2030 UT, instead of 6000 will be 5950
2030-2100 UT, instead of 6200 will be 6010
I hope that the first one is not affecting Radio Bulgaria, but please

let me know if this happened. Kind Regards, (Gabriel STANCIU, FUNCTIE: SEF SERVICIU, SERVICIUL: RADIODIFUZIUNE, DEPARTAMENT: RADIODIFUZIUNE, Dec 3, via Drita «iÁo, R. Tirana, DXLD))

RRI was audible on their new 5950 at fair to good strength, and with very wide and loud modulation splatter QRM from a VERY strong signal on 5960 in English. I assume it was this one: 5960 2000 2200 27,28W CER 150 310 1234567 251009 280310 D English ALB CRI RTC [that's China Radio Int. from Cerrik, Albania] (Noel Green, Dec 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Terrible overmodulated audio tonight on RRI 6015 at 23 UT. //'s 5915 and 7220 fine (Andy Reid, Ont., Dec 4, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RRI En 2300-2356 to Japan 5915TIG 7300TIG
to NoAM 6015GAL 7220GAL
overmodulated from Galbeni, East ROU site.

Now at 0120 UT faulty tx on 6145 kHz. ENGLISH 0100-0156 6145GAL 9800GAL. This morning RRI Galbeni outlets seems modulationwise OKAY again. English 0630-0656 7370GAL and Arabic too at 0730-0756 11710TIG 11905GAL 15155GAL 15330TIG wb (Wolfgang B,schel, ibid.)

** ROMANIA. With ID "Radio Romania" in Romanian began the central news bulletin from 0500 UT on 6055 and 7220 kHz. When checked on MW, LW and FMs from ROU, I found all 23 MW freqs, LW 153 kHz, FM programs as well as Radio Romania Cultural and Radio Romania Musical and all local stations to broadcast the news [from the capital]. Same procedure noted at 1600 UT on SW and other outlets.

After the news around 0520 UT and 1620 UT on SW followed the program Radio Romania Actualitatsi as broadcast on MWs and FMs (but not Radio Romania International). It is interesting, they are using two from all six used frequencies in Russian service for DRM [dead duck], but in the DX Forums in Russia I met only one DXer with a DRM receiver. Nov 22-30 (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Dec 1, wwdx BC-DX TopNews Dec 4 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. I disagree profoundly with the recent negative comments about the Voice of Russia. In my opinion there is a feast of interesting programmes on the station (I am speaking here of the English service) and it is far from being 'boring'.

Perhaps VOR's programming is a little old-fashioned, but that is fine by me. 'Moscow Mailbag' is always interesting, and so is Estelle Winter's 'Science Plus'. I also enjoy listening to the news, which is useful for getting a Russian perspective on world events, and I find that the station has a good selection of cultural programmes.

The main problem with VOR is reception. In the middle of London, it is difficult to get good reception of its evening transmissions to Europe. For good, hassle-free listening I have to tune in after midnight to the North American transmission on 6240 kHz (Roger Tidy, UK, Dec 4, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST) via Pridnestrovye

** RUSSIA. 5940, GTRK Magadan, 0210-0300, Dec 2. Local program starts with clear ID for "Govorit Magadan" ("Magadan speaking"); news; series of conversations; series of advertisements with phone numbers; Russian folk songs; // to weaker 7320. This was different programming than the Radio Rossi program carried on 6075 // 7200 // 7230 at the same time. In my last log of this I neglected to point out that this local program is only broadcast from Monday through Friday (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [and non]. Propagation favored eastward rather than westward paths on 31m Dec 6 at 0645. On 9840 just Russian from R. Rossi, Moscow-area site rather than VOR English co-channel from DVR site; and nothing audible from Vladivostok on 9855 either. Was also hearing CW time pips on 9996, no doubt RWM Moscow as previously around this hour.

DRM noise 9670-9675-9680, Dec 6 at 1434. Listed as VOR via Moskva site, 100 kW, 260 degrees at 14-18. Obscuring what little signal from Indonesia may be there on 9680 as 9525.9 was JBA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Moscow --- The construction of the communication (connection) belonging is entered into operation FGUP "The Russian television and broadcasting network"

In November, 2009 Management Roskomnadzor on Moscow and the Moscow area The construction of communication(connection) "Station of a short-wave announcement is entered into operation RV-353, 250 kW", mounted to the address: Moscow region, Taldomskiy rayon, poselok Severny intended for services of communication (connection) for whole (purpose) Radio announcement.

The name of mass media "Radio Russii".

Directions of an announcement: information, political, Social and economic, scientific - cognitive, musical - entertaining And sports.

The schedule of an announcement:

- 08.00-11.00 radio frequency 9840 kHz
- 11.30-16.00 radio frequency 12075 kHz
- 16.30-19.00 radio frequency 7310 kHz
- 19.30-01.00 radio frequency 5905 kHz

Scope of the population 9000000 person.

<http://77.rsoc.ru/news/news7633.htm?print=1>

(Viktor Rutkovsky, Ekaterinburg, "open_dx", via RusDX Dec 6 via DXLD)

Would anyone like to translate the translation? So this is not the same as R. Rossii, spelt with an O?? RusDX times are supposed to be UT, but I wonder if this is local, as 9840 heard here as early as 0600 with something in Russian preventing reception of VOR in English from the Far East (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [non]. USA [GERMANY/INDONESIA], 9525LAM / 9780BIB. Bad choice for the new IBB-RL propaganda program called "Caucasus Echo", originate in Russian from a studio in Prague-CZECHIA and correspondence office in Tbilisi Georgia.

Mon-Fri 1800-1900 UT on 9780 and on 9525 kHz latter which is disturbed with whistle tone from V of Indonesia on 9526 kHz (heard 1700 in Arabic, 1800 Spanish, 1830 German, 1900 French ... etc. (Wolfgang Bischel, Germany, BC-DX Dec 4 via DXLD)

** SAIPAN. 12090, Vietnamese songs at 2254 Dec 6, fair signal aside BBC 12095. At 2258 switched to Christian hymn in English, ``All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name . . . And Crown Him, Crown Him, Loo'oord of All'', making me suspect it was a gospel huxter; brief Vietnamese announcement and convenient English ID for KFBS, Saipan, off at 2300* sharp. EiBi, Aoki and HFCC all agree that the only occupant of 12090 at any time is KFBS at 2230-2300, 278 degrees, so there are 23.5 hours available for some other station needing to escape from interference. {On second thought, I believe the hymn was instrumental rather than English, lyrics erupting from my memory banx instead.} (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAMOA AMERICAN. American Samoa DTV Ch5 via 2-Es? Hello All, Here is a forwarded message of interest. One of the Australians received a double-hop Es reception of a low band ATSC carrier (Curtis Sadowski, IL, WTFDA via DXLD) Viz.:

I had an opening to American Samoa this afternoon around 17:45 [UT +11?] & KVZK-2 was at S4 strength. I also noted a fadey carrier on 76.31 which would make it KVZK-5 DTV. I only heard it in SSB mode on my R-7100 & only lasted a couple of minutes. No FM noted during the opening (Geoff - Numeralla NSW Australia, Dec 6, ICDX yg via Sadowski, ibid.)

Hello All, I had an inquiry a little while ago about why this isn't in the FCC database. KVZK is licensed to the government of American Samoa by the Department of the Interior, hence it is not in the FCC lists.

Wikipedia answered this little puzzlement for me.

An interesting piece on television in this neglected corner of the Pacific:

<http://grandsamoanadventure.blogspot.com/2008/12/island-television.html>
(Curtis Sadowski, IL, ibid.) If you are DXing two-week old programs from Seattle, it might actually be SamAm (gh, DXLD)

** SIKKIM. 4835, AIR Gangtok, 1434-1457, Dec 4. Mostly subcontinent music; sounded to be in Hindi. At 1531 could make out the news in English from Delhi; // 4760, 4775, 4810, 4880, 4895, 4910, 4920, 4940, 4950, 4970, 4990, 5010, 5040, 5050, 9425 and 9470. A phenomenal day for AIR reception! (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 6225, tentative RTE Dublin at 2013 with weak signal, determined it was English. Off at 2030. (Very poor in a noisy band Dec 5 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, BC, Canada, Eton E1 and Sony AN-1, operating portable, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also IRELAND [non]

** SOUTH AFRICA. 7215, TWR Meyerton, *0329-0346*, Dec 1, English / listed Oromo. English ID; IS; announcer with s/on announcement; HoA-ish music bit; talk from 0333 until music bit at 0343 and English s/off, "You have been listening to the international voice of Trans World Radio" at 0345; IS snippet and carrier until 0346; fair (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-545, RX-350D, MLB1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. Nueva actualizaciÛn de la web de Diexismo & ComunicaciÛn. La historia de esta semana est. dedicada a la radio sudafricana, pero tambiÛn en nuestra pÛgina principal hacemos un poco de historia y analizamos cÛmo la radio llega al continente africano de la mano de las radios coloniales:

<http://www.dxradiomonitor.freehosting.net>

El programa Historias de Radio de esta semana est. dedicado a la historia de la radio en Sudáfrica; analizamos su historia y su uso en defensa de la política del apartheid por parte del gobierno de Pretoria. Escucharán sonidos históricos de emisoras domésticas y del servicio internacional, todo acompañado por buena música africana:
<http://www.historiasderadio.podomatic.com>

Cordiales 73's y buenos DX's (Daniel Camporini, Villate 4534, B1605EKV Munro [ARGENTINA], Tel.: 1561573411, Dec 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. Blessed relief from WWRB, running open carrier again instead of scheduled Brother Scare, Dec 6 at 0637 on

3185. But is anyone paying attention in Walterboro or Manchester?
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. 6125, REE at 2235 8 Nov, How About That program, climate change, English, SI0 444 (Alan Roe, Teddington, Middlesex, England, Dec BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) 6125, 2250 31 Oct, YL with ID, English, off at 2257, SI0 444 (Edwin Southwell, Basingstoke, Hants, ibid.) N.B. This frequency only used Sat and Sun at 22-23, // 11625 to Africa (gh, DXLD)

6055, R. Exterior de EspaÑa at 0000 s/on and into news to 0015 when transmitter went off. Back on 5 minutes later, but off after a minute or so. This went on for rest of what is supposed to be hour of English. They're definitely having some sort of problem with transmitter from their Nobejas site (Rick Barton, AZ, UT Dec 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA [non]. New 6045.00, 0015-0035, CLANDESTINE, 04.12, Voice of Tigers, via Wertachtal (presumed). New transmission of non-stop Tamil songs, 35343 (Anker Petersen, on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire heard here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** SUDAN. 7200, SRTC, *0240-0300+, Dec 5, sign on with Qur'an. Arabic talk. Weak. Poor with co-channel QRM from Russia. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** SUDAN [non]. 9805, 09/12 1910, SV0 TOME E PRINCIPE, Affia Darfur / Hello Darfur, em arabe, desde Pinheira, com 100 kW. OM e YL se alternam na apresentaÇao de noticias. As 1914 fim do bloco de nx e diversas IDs por OM, YL e vinhetas. Em // 9815 khz que transmite desde Wertachtal na Alemanha com 250 kW e azimute 150 mas chegando aqui com sinal bem mais fraco. Em meu blog vou deixar uma gravaÇao dessa escuta com a comparaÇao entre as duas frequências. 45444 (Jorge Freitas, SWL1023B, Escutas (listening): <http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006>
Blog DX: <http://www.ipernity.com/home/75006>
Feira de Santana Bahia - Brasil, Degen 1103, Antena Dipolo de 16 metros Balun 4:1 DireÂo Leste/Oeste, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** SWEDEN. EXTRA GRIMETON RADIO/SAQ TRANSMISSION --- There will be a transmission with the Alexanderson alternator on 17.2 kHz on December 10 2009 at 0800 UT and will be repeated at 1600 UT the same day.

The reason for the extra transmission is a centenary commemoration of the Nobel Prize given to Guglielmo Marconi and Karl Ferdinand Braun. We do not require any QSL-reports this time and will not verify.
Regards. SM6NM/Lars

P.S. We still intend to continue with our annual transmissions on Christmas Eve (morning), Dec 24, at 0800 with tuning up from 0730 UT.
D.S. (Lars Källand) (via Mike Terry, Dec 3, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SWEDEN. RADIO PROTEST AGAINST LICENCE FEE

Roger Modin, Gert Fylking och Titti Schultz är programledare för Rix Morronzoo. Foto: Henrik Montgomery/Scanpix. Rix Morronzoo, one of the radio stations that went off the air Thursday morning [captions]

Commercial radiostations in Sweden joined forces and stopped all their programmes for an hour on Thursday morning in protest against the licence fee the stations have to pay to the government.

They claim that "no other media in Sweden" is forced to pay such a fee and want to scrap it completely.

Currently, a total of 20 million crowns is paid by 89 commercial radio stations every year. A year ago, a study commissioned by the Government proposed to lower the licence fee significantly, but if this will actually happen, the Government has so far refused to say.

Swedish Radio is a public broadcaster and does not have to pay such a fee. Source: Sveriges Radio * <http://bit.ly/646nAK>
(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, Dec 3, DXLD)

** SYRIA. Warning that Damascus' website is infected. Look out for URL with cobaq in it (gh)

República Árabe Siria: Pagina web Radio Damasco
* radio damasco 7 dic 09 0320 UT.JPGradio damasco 7 dic 09 0320 UT.JPG

Saludos Amigos, Visitando la página web de la RadioEmisora de la República Árabe Siria, aparece una alerta para poder ingresar pero más que todo de JS-PERSO.IFRANCE.COM Para dejar claro, y en mi caso personal, lo he visto cuando ingreso a las páginas de otras emisoras incluso con las locales. Y esto se debe a que se incluye un enlace el cual resulta infectado. Lo mejor es no ingresar, la última vez que ingresé con una alerta de Ésta, me tocó formatear el disco duro. Este mensaje sería para el webmaster de Radio Damasco que por favor quite ese enlace (ver arriba). 73 de (Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN [and non]. In regular chex for the 8GAL CW marker at 1400 on 6074, I have been noticing the absence of the Chinese radio war starting on 6075 at that hour as had previously been the case. Closing timesignal from Russia would overlap two seconds apart with opening timesignal from Taiwan and/or CNR1 jamming, but again Dec 8, neither

of the latter audible at all, nor 8GAL. Aoki still lists from 1400, RTI with a 4-hour jammed service to the mainland in Chinese. Is it off or just not propagating? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND [and non]. 7365, at 1314 Dec 5, R. Thailand with English ID in transition from Japanese to Chinese, over co-channel QRM already in Mandarin. In this case I don't think it is deliberate ChiCom jamming, but a genuine collision which should have been avoided, as CNR1 Shijiazhuang site is also scheduled on 7365 at 1200-1735, 37 degrees. The CIRAF zones even match at #44 for the Mandarin quarter-hour from Thailand, so a red flag, if you'll pardon the expression, should have gone up at HFCC coordination meeting. Also, the A-09 frequency for these languages, 9455, was not collided or jammed. At 1332, HSK9 had switched to Thai for the rest of the hour, still with Chinese clash (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET. 4905, PBS Xizang (Lhasa), 2353-2400, 12/4/2009, Tibetan. Woman talking. Slow Chinese pop music at 2355. Announcements by woman at 2400, then more talk. Moderate signal, the best on this frequency in some time, declining after 2400. Also noted on 4820 with somewhat weaker signal and similar program, although not in parallel. Checked listed parallels for both frequencies, but nothing heard (Jim Evans, TN, RX-340, ALA100M, Germantown, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TUNISIA. 7275, RT Tunisienne, Sfax, *0358-0416, Dec 1, Arabic. Crash-start with music; music bit/ID at ToH followed by news; anthem-like music at 0404 followed by talk between music bits; jazz bit at 0410 with M & W announcer thru tune/out; good (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-545, RX-350D, MLB1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 7335 with big collision between RTT and Vatican Radio, Dec 6 at 0607, Arabic atop some Scandinavian language, with RTT // 7275 and VR // 6185, buried there both by Brasil and Mexico. Vatican runs until 0620 (also colliding with even stronger VOR via GUF until 0600), while Sfax is registered not starting 7335 until 0700, but we know it is on much earlier. This needs to be resolved as Vatican and Tunisia are not that far apart, causing mutual interference all over. And to think, a recent HFCC even took place in Tunis! I wonder if they were confused about timezones in claiming to be on from 0700 instead of 0600?

7275, RTT, Dec 9 at 0629 was off the air tho it had been on a few minutes earlier; // 7335 remained on in Arabic, having started at least an hour earlier than scheduled (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also UNIDENTIFIED [non] 7105

** TURKEY [and non]. Amigos, Sorprendentememte, el segmento en idioma

español de Radio LA VOZ DE TURQUIA, que comienza a las 0200 UT, se escucha en el día de hoy, 03-12-2009 (UT), en la frecuencia de 9400 kHz en lugar de su frecuencia habitual de 9410, tapando así la señal de RADIO BULGARIA también con emisiones en español a partir de esa misma hora. - Esto se debe a un cambio de frecuencia o los técnicos turcos se adelantaron con el brindis de año nuevo ??? (Marcelo A. Cornachioni, Lomas de Zamora, Argentina, condiglist yg via DXLD)

12035, VOT, Thursday Dec 3 at 1416, fair signal but low modulation and cutting out, distorted toward end of Live from Turkey. Not even worth checking // 15300, colliding as it does with France.

VOT English on 12035 is still having distorted modulation problems, Dec 5 at 1352 vocal music; 1400 multi-lingual ID filler for two minutes, then more pop music. Good signal level today, anyway. This is one of the supposedly refurbished «akirlar transmitters (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also KURDISTAN

** TURKS & CAICOS [non]. At 2008 MST. Is that Turks and Caicos 530 playing Classical Piano? (Bill Frahm - Boise ID, Dec 4 = 0308 UT Dec 5, amfmtvdx at qth.net via DXLD)

Nope, Cuba, Radio Encyclopedia out of Havana. 530 out of the Turks is running micro power with a low slung long wire as they've never replaced their vertical radiator the hurricane took out last year (Jerry Kiefer Pompano Beach, FL, ibid.)

** U S S R. Soviet TV in English. Video! To my surprise I just discovered that Soviet TV used to have English Service back in 1958.

You can watch the very first broadcast that was devoted to Soviet TV at <http://cccp-tv.ru/> Once there click the button "1958" (it's right above the Russian text) and then click on the picture that shows antenna and brick building. Sorry, the direct links to videos are hidden.

The Russian text says that this program was prepared for London TV and covers the work of Soviet TV center. Can someone help me with uncovering the direct link to that video? (Sergei S., Moscow, Dec 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It's somewhere on this site: <http://www.uravo.com/> which seems to be the "parent" site. There might also be more at <http://www.gtrf.ru/ru/> which is the Gosteleradiofond and says it has "one of the world's largest collection of film-, video-, audio- and photo materials, that reflected Russian history, culture and art in the XXth century. The richest collection of Gosteleradiofond includes more than one and half million units and has no matches among home archives by its volume and

variety of genres." (Andy Sennitt, *ibid.*)

GTRF is the company that keeps all the archives. Uravo seems to be its online arm (perhaps a commercial enterprise set up by the state company). Uravo.ru publishes Soviet/Russian movies and documentaries.

CCCP-tv.ru was set up especially for publishing Soviet TV materials online. It's a commercial project of GTRF, Uravo and Auditoria (gtrf-ra.ru). I guess that's why they are trying their best in hiding the direct links.

I found online a direct link to one of the videos from CCCP-tv.ru.
That's how it looks:

http://80.93.57.15/flash_movie/ca89c731-fc87-4c7f-b133-d1d1b66d8f48.flv
It's unedited tape of Brezhnev's meeting with Soyuz-Apollo team and Soviet scientists from 1975. Some English interpreting is provided.

I'm trying to figure out how to get such direct links to other videos.
OK, here's a direct link at [veoh.com](http://www.veoh.com/browse/videos/category/news/watch/v19483383chKQXZ9k) for your viewing pleasure:
<http://www.veoh.com/browse/videos/category/news/watch/v19483383chKQXZ9k>
It's a video hosting service similar to YouTube. But it allows for longer videos (Sergei S., *ibid.*)

** U K [non]. Glenn, As from 5th December there will be an extension of the UK football commentaries on a test basis to Scandinavia.
Saturdays 1500-1700 and 1730-1930 UT and Sundays 1600-1800 all on 5800 kHz. Reception reports from Scandinavia would be welcome
[freqdept @ wrn.org](mailto:freqdept@wrn.org)

No, it's not Chinese but will be in English. The Chinese is Mandarin for mainland China where English football has quite a following (WRN Dec 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sat Dec. 5 - Premier League Football commentaries in English - West Ham vs Manchester United

1500-1700 on 5800 KHB 100 kW / 330 deg to Sweden // 6230 TAC 100 kW / 090 deg to China

Sat Dec. 5 - Premier League Football commentaries in English - Manchester City vs Chelsea

1730-1930 on 5800 KHB 100 kW / 330 deg to Sweden, no // frequency

Sun Dec. 6 - Premier League Football commentaries in English - Everton vs Tottenham

1600-1800 on 5800 KHB 100 kW / 330 deg to Sweden // 6230 TAC 100 kW /

090 deg to China. 73, (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, 1513 UT Dec 5, DX
LISTENING DIGEST via dxldyg 1548 UT Dec 5 via WORLD OF RADIO 1490,
DXLD)

I should point out that it's rather strange to pick a site so far away from Scandinavia, Khabarovsk in DVR, but how does it work over this dark almost polar path? (Glenn Hauser, *ibid.*)

A pretty good reception in Moscow right now (from 1605) on 5800 - considering that it's coming all the way from Khabarovsk. But the commentary isn't as upbeat and exciting as those I hear on REE and RDP. I don't hear anything on 6230 but local noise levels are pretty bad.

I have to agree with Glenn re QTH. Couldn't they find a closer site? I was also wondering along the same lines about VoR broadcasting into Central/South America in Spanish from Tajikistan of all places (Sergei S., Russia, *ibid.*)

Strong and steady signal here in southern Finland on 5800 at 1734 UT (Jari Savolainen, *ibid.*)

Shortly after 1730 on the portable in the kitchen, somewhere in eastern Germany: A faint signal on 5800 with slow fading, just barely sufficient to recognize the modulation as English sports commentary, lacking 20 dB of signal level for real listening. No signal at all on first check at 1705, apparently they indeed took the carrier off air between 1700 and 1730.

What in the world is this? Premier League Football commentary, but who produces it, who pays for having it on shortwave? What is the audience they want to reach in Scandinavia?

Of course the use of Khabarovsk, about 9,000 km away from the target area (and hereby heard by yours truly for the very first time), is quite strange. But perhaps you can guess the possible rationale when considering that these are just 100 kW transmitters with rhombics and/or other types of small antennas, not even visible on aerial images.

Here can some of these shortwave antennas be seen:
<http://www.panoramio.com/photo/4999192>

And the two LW/MW masts that are visible from the air, besides the transmitter buildings and cooling water ponds:
<http://www.panoramio.com/photo/5021863>
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, *ibid.*)

Dunno who pays this all; they announce e-mail address radio @ premierleague.com 73 (Jari Savolainen, *ibid.*)

Got truncated by Yahoo Groups. Well, this is the production company:
http://www.imgworld.com/media/production/traditional_media.sps
("More than 120 channels of satellite radio programming for the Premier League, Wimbledon and the Open Championship")

See also

<http://www.sportbusiness.com/news/162218/premier-league-re-appoints-img-media-for-radio>

But still, who books these shortwave relays? The Premier League itself? (Kai Ludwig, *ibid.*)

6 Dec at 1600 on 5800 again strong signal of Premier League game in English. The carrier was on before 1600 and it was a bit "humming" but that doesn't matter when the audio is on. The 6230 commentary of the same game in Chinese is a bit weaker and suffered utility interference in the beginning (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, *ibid.*)

Fair signal on 5800 here in the UK at 1630 UTC, not that strong, but quite clear. 6230 is buried under digital noise (Dave Kenny, Caversham UK, *ibid.*)

6230 in Chinese with fair at *1600-, QRM/VMW Marine Weather Station in Australia. 5800 in English with poor at *1600- (S. Hasegawa, Japan, NDXC, *ibid.*)

RUSSIA, 5800 WRN premierleague.com on Sat Dec 5th was much, much stronger, and on excellent level to follow the ball by ball commentary - of S=9+30 to 40 dB here in Stuttgart. Both adjacent channels were totally free of interference.

5800 Today Sun Dec 6th at 1650 UT only weak to fair at S=6-7 level. QTH southern Germany (Wolfgang Bischel, *ibid.*)

Neither copyable here on east coast of USA (NY) at 1720 UT (Andy O'Brien, Dec 6, *ibid.*)

This is produced by IMG media
http://www.imgworld.com/media/production/traditional_media.sps

Fair signal here on 5800 at 1630 tune-in with commentary in English, heard mentioning an email address of radio @ premierleague.com Not a bad signal considering it's coming all the way from Khabarovsk in Far East Russia. The existing WRN/IMG service to China on 6230 via Tashkent is also just audible here under heavy digital QRM with the

English commentary in parallel to 5800 plus a Mandarin translation
(Dave Kenny - Caversham - AOR7030+ 25m long wire, Dec 6, BDXC-UK yg
via DXLD)

Hi group, Sergey Leganchuk, who is an employee at the Mykolayiv transmitting center, reports in open_dx mailinglist that 5800 kHz originates from Mykolayiv-UKR, rather than Khabarovsk-RUS. Power is 100 kW. 73, (Dmitry Mezin, Kazan, RUSSIA, Dec 7, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, ibid.)

So was it ever from Khabarovsk, at the outset? (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Hi Glenn, I guess somebody just misprinted KHB instead of KHR.
KHR/Kharkov is still used for Mykolayiv as the HFCC designator. 73,
(Dmitry Mezin, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. Re 9-083: SPECTRUM DAB OUTPUT NOW MOSTLY WRN INCLUDING WORLD OF RADIO (Mike Barraclough, England, Dec 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) WTFK?

223.936 MHz, with DAB you don't need it, the radio automatically tunes in the multiplexes it can receive and lists the stations on them so you just select Spectrum from the station list.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Switch_London
(Mike Barraclough, UK, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, but I still want to know, WTFK? Tnx for outfinding (gh)

** U K. Hi Glenn. Thanks for the mention of reception reports for South Herts Radio. I have updated the frequencies page of the website. The live stream should be back this Sunday all for most of the day at 128k quality.

It's a shame I can't stream live more often but as I get more and more busy with work, people will have to rely on the listen again page more often.

Take a look at this page for Biggles FM. I transmit SHR in this way on FM as well with micro power devices.
<http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/bigglesfm/listen.htm>

From (Gary. <http://www.southhertsradio.com> - International radio from south Hertfordshire, Dec 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [non]. Relaunch of transmissions on 1395 kHz imminent

This update on Big L's relaunch from Media Network:
December 3rd, 2009 - 10:16 UTC by Andy Sennitt.

The website of KBC Radio <http://www.kbcradio.eu/> has photos of the (re-)installation work of the Dutch transmitter at Trintelhaven on 1395 kHz, which will carry the programmes of KBC and Big L. Work was carried out yesterday, and is apparently continuing today as the transmitter is not currently on the air. Further information follows.
<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/relaunch-of-transmissions-on-1395-khz-imminent>

1395 Big L testing --- Presumed tests from Big L currently audible on 1395 kHz (1405 UT) - continuous oldies (Alan Pennington, Caversham UK, AOR 7030+ longwire, Dec 3, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

I just wonder how they are going to audio feed the transmitter, now that they do not have the Sky link as they did before. I note from the photos on the KBC site that the Sky dish was still in place. Sky Radio channel 0190 is still an "unavailable channel" (Tony Boreham, ibid.)

[Moderator: maybe via internet stream? Oldies now on 1395 kHz presumed Big L testing at 1400 UT - Alan Pennington, ibid.]

Testing today. Good signal here about an hour ago in Bournemouth aided to good effect by my Ryland Loop. Now off air (15:00) (Mike Terry, UK, 1524 UT Dec 3, ibid.)

"Something" but not really audible on 1395 here in Plymouth (Tony Boreham, In a wet Plymstock, Sent using BlackBerry® from Orange, 1615 UT, ibid.)

[Moderator: Off air at moment (finished tests for the day?). Was just on carrier for a time also after my first posting - Alan Pennington]

Excellent signal in Hull at 1716, nearly 20 dB over 9, heard it on the car radio coming home from work first. There were a few breaks in transmission at 1630 but it seems OK now. It's good to have them back (Russ, AOR 7030+, 60ft long wire, Cummings, ibid.)

[Moderator: Yes good also in Caversham now after dark. Presumably will go off air soon when TWR via Flakke, Albania starts up - scheduled 1925-2200 UT I think - Alan Pennington]

More news: Media Network Newsletter By Andy Sennitt 3 December 2009

Today the long-awaited return of the Dutch mediumwave transmitter at Trintelhaven on 1395 kHz became a reality. Test transmissions started today around lunchtime, and an official relaunch of Big L sponsored by KBC Import.com is imminent. There are already quite a few commercials, including one which I find rather bizarre - an ad for the Isle of Bute in Scotland (which I know well as I used to visit it every year when I

was a teenager) spoken in English with a Dutch accent! But this time, the daytime mediumwave transmissions are intended primarily for a Dutch audience who want an alternative to the normal Dutch commercial stations.

At night, there is quite a good skywave signal from this transmitter that reaches much farther afield. Every weekday at 0500-0600 UT there will be a programme in Dutch from Transport Radio

<http://www.transportradio.nl/inhoud/index.php>

presented by Bob van Beeten who also presents RNW's programme for Dutch truckers, Onderweg. The transmitter on 1395 kHz will be on the air 21 hours a day (2200-1900 UT), leaving the channel clear for Trans World Radio's broadcasts from Albania between 1900 and 2200 UT.

[Moderator: Big L/KBC music continued to 1922 when TWR int sig commenced. But Trintelhaven transmitter still on air at 1932 causing a horrible growl with off channel TWR Albania on 1394.85]

2050, Internet stream is now announcing Big L International is now on 1395 KHz. They have just played two commercials, one for KBC Imports and would you believe one for the Foreign Office for people thinking about moving to Spain (Tony Boreham, *ibid.*)

[Moderator: Programmes stopped at 1922 UT ahead of TWR programmes via Albania on off channel 1394.85. According to the Mighty KBC website, <http://www.kbcradio.eu/> they restarted at 2200 UT with Wolfman Jack]

I hope this will be restored by re-introducing Sky on 0190 (or other channel), which would give those of us living on the Western Side of the Country, good reception (Ken Fletcher, CH43, *ibid.*)

[Moderator: sadly, Big L no longer has a UK satellite licence. It ceased to be licensed re the September Ofcom Radio Broadcast Update: <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/radio/ifi/rbl/rbupdates/update0909/>] (all: BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Big L 1395 --- Hallo All, Good reception at 1395 kHz Big L with nonstop oldies. Nice signal here in South Belgium. Greeting (Ge Huijbens, Beffe, Belgium, 1856 UT Dec 3, MW Circle yg via DXLD)

Big L 1395, Fair to good too in South Bucks, oldies & Big L jingles. (Mark Hattam, 2015 UT Dec 3, *ibid.*)

Heard Big L 1395 kHz at 2300 3 December with an excellent signal here in Hemel Hempstead. However currently at 0920 it is only just discernible on my Sony 2001. Cannot receive it on a portable radio in the house. Just noted with Dutch and English ads. Not sure who their target audience is. 73's (John Williams, Dec 4, *ibid.*)

1395 Signal Strength --- The signal strength is much higher than when Big L was last on this frequency. In Carcassonne SW France it was audible this morning on a Grundig Yacht Boy 400 and internal antenna. Last night after 2200 it was a real powerhouse of a signal (Stuart, 0119 UT Dec 5, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Nice signal now in Carcassonne (1600 UT) and still light. Will be dark in 35 minutes (Stuart, Dec 4, *ibid.*)

I did notice that in the recent pictures the mast actually appears to have two sets of sloping wires. I don't remember these when I passed by the site a couple of years ago. These could well be driven phased elements or earthed. Either could produce a directional pattern. It will be interesting to see what other think. We are approaching maximum winter enhanced daytime conditions though (CHRIS McWhinnie, UK, *ibid.*)

My 0,02 Euro on the again operational Trintelhaven-1395 transmitter: They use an extreme audio processing that makes the modulation really loud, to some degree compensating for the rather poor HF signal level. However, to me it is fatiguing very soon, also because every trace of selective fading results in hefty distortions. (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Dec 3, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Reception of the pop music station on 1395 - from Holland? - is only fair here in the NW of England in daytime (using a loop and a communications receiver - just a trace on a domestic receiver), and still with some skywave fading at 1200 UT. From around sunset the signal is much stronger, but with very bad selective fading and distortion - reminiscent of Luxembourg 1440 on a bad day. I wonder how far the groundwave of this high end frequency reaches without any skywave "interference"? (Noel R. Green, NW England, Dec 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Today 1395 is a lot weaker here in East Anglia. On Thursday afternoon it was very strong at around 1600 UT but with deep fast fades like you say. I think they have turned the power down (Gary Drew, Dec 5, *ibid.*)

The power is 10 kW in daytime and 20 kW at night. Remember, Eric van Willegen of KBC Radio is only interested in the nighttime hours, but is financing a daytime service currently provided by Big L. If he can get someone with money to hire airtime during the day, the power may be raised to 20 kW. I think they are also using the new, smaller antenna they installed --- see photos at <http://www.kbcradio.eu> which apparently gives more skywave at night, which is what Eric wants (Andy Sennitt, Netherlands, *ibid.*)

Concerning 1395: Is this really a new antenna? If so, has the state-owned company that owns broadcast-related masts/towers in the Netherlands (Novec) taken down the former antenna for some reason?

The mentioned distortions are pretty bad here in Germany as well. I think, as I already mentioned in short, that this is a result of the extremely aggressive audio processing, putting out rather square than sine waves as modulation. Every trace of selective fading, and it falls apart into a mess of non-linear distortion. It also sounds not that bright, while at the same time the RF spectrum is described as rather broad, from lots of harmonics I guess.

I also presume that this result is actually desired, in order to recreate the "offshore" feeling.

It should be also noted that daytime programming on 1395 is not identical to the "actual" Big L webstream, at least it contains KBC ID's and ads as well. Big L back on 1395? Not really it seems, especially in light of the gossip about leasing out daytime slots to someone else. As if "Big L" is just the licence hull for the current operations (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Dec 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The station from Trintelhaven HOL on 1395 kHz (20 kW) is heard just now [1250 UT] here at my location in southern Denmark, 50 km north of the German border with SINPO 34232. Playing nice music (Mull of Kintyre among others) with IDs and advertisements in between. News at 1300 UT. Receiving equipment Sangean 909 and the PK loop (Ydun Ritz, Denmark, Dec 5, ibid.)

Re 1395 KBC Radio Holland. Even with the very excellent AUDI car radio "concert" on the 500 m ASL altiplano plateau - without any local suburb electricity hash -, I could hear NOTHING on this channel yesterday at 1400 UT, Dec 4th.

At 1800 UT the Dutch 1395 kHz pop music station KBC Radio heard fair in southern Germany, but heavily SQUEEZED between the adjacent 1404 and 1386 kHz signals; at 2050 UT heard Radio Tirana with TWR religious program on odd 1394.84 kHz, tremendous powerful 500 kW beast. At same time CRI Beijing powerful relay in Hungarian language, noted on odd 1457.78 kHz. wb (Wolfgang Bischel, Stuttgart, ibid.)

Today on Sat 5th at 1500 UT reception was totally different [see item above of yesterday Dec 3 at 13-14 UT]. Noted a very strong signal here in southern Germany with an extreme audio processing system, talk 95% in English only, some few seldom Dutch commercial propaganda in between. Preference. I don't like this riot music noise; my ears were still resounding with the hubbub.

1395 kHz signal was on equal level like adjacent Romania Rom,nia Actualitati/Radio Sighet 1404 kHz, Heusweiler 1422, Wachenbrunn 1323, Hamburg 972, Flevoland 747, Monaco 1350 and 702, Lyon 603, Solt 540, but much stronger than weak Orfordness 1296 and 648, which 96 degree beam don't favour my location. Wb (Wolfgang B, schel, Dec 5, ibid.)

Same findings right now, around 1800, here in eastern Germany: Almost on a par with the high power transmitters around. Quite strong for 20 kW, if running this power at all. Cf.

<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/relaunch-of-transmissions-on-1395-khz-imminent#comment-977276>

What they play right now are docile oldies, as they can be heard on countless other stations. Still it makes my ears resounding, due to the way they brutally smash their audio against a brickwall limiter. What a terrible distorted mess! As Walter Ulbricht said when visiting Funkwerk K^lleda: Well, comrades, we'll reach 100 percent of distortion factor, too. Definitely not my scene (Kai Ludwig, Dec 5, ibid.)

HOLLAND, 1395, The new station, Big L/KBC, Trintenhaven, is putting very strong signals down here, but as darkness settles however, it's chocked by ALBANIA. At approx. 1930, I tuned to 1395 on the car radio, and nothing was heard but a relay of a program in Hungarian via the Albanian transmitter. The night signal is phenomenal so far: just 10 kW?! 73, (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There are several different streams available. The one that's being relayed is apparently the one that goes to the 'Big L' player on the website and it's indeed far too loud and too heavily processed. I hope they will either turn this down to a sensible level or use one of the better quality streams. I agree - this morning I tuned in and it was unlistenable, so I quickly tuned out again :-) The problem is that Big L is run by one person, Roger Davis, and he has been over here in the Netherlands this week. He is also in charge of the audio streams, so until he gets back and fixes it, the problem will remain. This really is low-budget radio (Andy Sennitt, ibid.)

40 comments so far as of Dec 9:

[\(via gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DXLD\)](http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/relaunch-of-transmissions-on-1395-khz-imminent#comments)

** U S A. VOA EXPANDS SMS NEWS AND INFORMATION DELIVERY WORLDWIDE

Washington, D.C., December 8, 2009 ñ As people turn to mobile devices for news and information, Voice of America (VOA) is ramping up

delivery of SMS ñ short messaging service ñ alerts to inform its worldwide audience.

iThe growth of mobile technology is largely due to young, urban users of new technology,í said Gwen Dillard, director of VOAis Africa Division. iItís important to reach this market and try to shape their news habits, since they will socialize the next generation of users. The competition is already fierce. We need to respond to this growing market.î

VOA has teamed up with local providers to deliver SMS in places such as: . . .

<http://author.voanews.com/english/about/2009-12-08-voa1.cfm>
(VOA press release via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. VOA, 15205, Friday Dec 4 at 1433 with Reporters' Notebook, stronger but echoier on // 11985, and weaker on 9760. I can't find this show on the VOA A-Z program list, tho there is one with a similar name, Reporters' Roundtable supposedly on the African service at 1730. This was not about Africa; one of the segments in the discussion included Dan Robinson from Capitol Hill. I wonder what the other times for it are, if any. It was revived after cancellation.

Assuming the separate VOA A-Z language transmission schedule is correct, and that all frequencies carry the same English programming during this hour, the entire frequency list at 1430 is: 7575 9760 9930 11985 12150 15205 15580 17650 17715.

7405, somewhat above or equal to DentroCuban jamming level, UT Sat Dec 5 at 0556, surprised to hear VOA jingle and editorial in Spanish about Pres. Obama's Afghanistan policy, but this is Radio Martí. 0600 back to RM programming with ``Noche de Paz`` Xmas carol. There have been reports that VOA Spanish service would be encroaching on RM territory due to budget restraints, etc., so maybe this is a sign of it.

OR: RM has always run VOA editorials and I just haven't noticed. However, it had been a long-standing policy for VOA to keep the not exactly objective RM at least an arm's length away, lest it damage VOA's own reputation. Makes no diff to the Cubans, who jam both.

VOA Spanish service for sure, 9885, Sat Dec 5 at 1342 with ...xitos Latinoamericanos ``en VOASat e internet`` but no mention of SW! And back to pop music really in Spanish for a change. This Greenville signal was rather weak and AIR VBS, one sesquidekaHz away on 9870 from the other worldwide was axually much better.

11635, at 1349 Dec 5, ME music which must have been Kurdish, as shortly IDed as ``Denge Amerike, Washington`` and VOA jingle. It's 104

degrees from Lampertheim, GERMANY, but uncomfortably close to Arabic on 11630 starting Qur'an, i.e. KUWAIT at 230 degrees.

11805, Dec 6 at 1446 with slow songs, good signal; trying to decide if they are Turkish or Persian; let's split the difference with Kurdish, for it is the VOA Kurdish service via Biblis, GERMANY.

9685, VOA Border Crossings music show, poor at 1510 Dec 7; per BDXC-UK's handy booklet Broadcasts in English for B-09, which I can keep next to the rig while the computer is off, site is Lampertheim, GERMANY. Not // 9760 PHILIPPINES with Spe-cial Eng-lish. If you crave world news, now! during the 15-16 UT hour, from VOA you are out of luck. But we're fortunate there is anything left in English at all from this nation's station under extreme mismanagement (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Tour of VOA Transmitter - Greenville, NC on April 26, 1998 Jim Hawkins' 1998 video tour of the VOA (actually International Broadcasting Bureau) is now available on YouTube

Site A (now mothballed), near Greenville, North Carolina, is now available at YouTube as Part 1, Part 2, Part 3, Part 4, and Part 5.

Greenville Site B is still in operation. Three GE 250 KW, one 500 KW Marconi and One 500 KW Continental transmitter(s).

Part 1 of 5 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7g8UCEQFE8>
Part 2 of 5 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxWSXH2rPlc>
Part 3 of 5 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ffnxBJQA6rU>
Part 4 of 5 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yYp2zw8FuKg>
Part 5 of 5 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UjNRA9YDKrs>

For more transmitter site tours, please visit
<http://www.j-hawkins.com/radio.html>

(Via Kim Andrew Elliott www.kimandrewelliott.com via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. 1180, Radio Martí, Marathon FL --- SEE RUSTED GUYWIRE PHOTOGRAPH and CORROSION on all four towers.

R Martí, 1180 kHz, 100 kW
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radio_y_Televisi%C3%B3n_Mart%C3%AD

Marathon Transmitter Station, Sister Creek Island, Sombrero Blvd.
Marathon, Florida 33050, United States

24 41'57.61"N 81 05'18.97"W

<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=24.699519&lon=-81.088491&z=18.5&r=0&src=msl>

and zoom in

<http://www.bing.com/maps/?v=2&cp=24.6993361111111~-81.08860277777791&lvl=18&sty=h&where1=24%2C699336111111>

- 81%2C0886027777778

https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=53a5aac89d3fe0d4aacd6e67f627fcc0&tab=core&_cview=1

Marti masts from 1988y. mast #4

<https://www.fbo.gov/utils/view?id=fb630bc0ecf49c90136afbda8947341f>

<https://www.fbo.gov/utils/view?id=0cea8f76881ddadfa518ea9c60e51eb9>

mast #3, and tower paint conditions

<https://www.fbo.gov/utils/view?id=de128c0005ac2cf6d642cf54ae034ffe>

mast #2 - galvanizing is non existent ...

<https://www.fbo.gov/utils/view?id=06a3e2169d05cd45482370db22337e03>

mast tower #1

<https://www.fbo.gov/utils/view?id=5bb067864e3866a845cf517dfdc1af58>

Questions and answers

<https://www.fbo.gov/utils/view?id=045a053ff23c0bb4003a2ca8986b824f>

Interruption of MW Radio Marti transmissions:

Total replacement of the 4 towers will be finished in 20 calendar days

Marathon:

<http://www.fbodaily.com/archive/2009/12-December/04-Dec-2009/FB0-02015442.htm>

("Solicitation 2")

<https://www.fbo.gov/spg/BBG/ADM/MCONWASHDC/1109MEDC/listing.html>

See also: <http://www.sabretowersandpoles.com/1800.aspx>

<https://www.fbo.gov/download/8e7/8e718a8b3a9580c0106dc0077301e713/>

J.1_Technical_Specification.pdf

(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. JAMES F. BROWN, RADIO FREE EUROPE CHIEF, DIES AT 81
New York Times By Deniis [sic] Heves December 7, 2009

James F. Brown, who as the director of Radio Free Europe in the early 1980s played a seminal behind-the-scenes role in the rise of the Solidarity movement, which eventually toppled the Communist Party in Poland, died in Oxford, England, on Nov. 16. He was 81 and lived in

Oxford. The cause was an infection after a broken leg, his wife, Margaret, said.

Although he was a British citizen, Mr. Brown was named director of Radio Free Europe, a network financed by the American government, in 1978, bringing a deep knowledge of Eastern European history to the job. He was director until 1984, when he resigned because of disagreements with the Reagan administration. . .

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/07/world/europe/07brown.html?_r=2&scp=2&sq=brown&st=cse

(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD; also via John Figliozzi, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, ibid.)

It's a surprisingly accurate account of RFE, I didn't notice any major errors. Let's hope yahoogroups will fix its glitch and restore the search function soon. Otherwise, googlegroups seems to be a better choice right now.

Yesterday, the Program Director of R.Liberty Russian died. He was a very gifted and bright man, a true Soviet intellectual...

** U S A [non]. PETER VAIL, VETERAN RFE/RL BROADCASTER, ACCOMPLISHED AUTHOR, DIES AT 60

PRAGUE (RFE/RL) -- Peter Vail, a longtime pillar of RFE/RL's Russian Service, died late on December 7 in Prague following a long illness. He was 60 years old. A distinguished author and journalist, Vail worked for more than 20 years in RFE/RL's Russian Service.

He is remembered by his colleagues not only as a seminal figure in contemporary Russian literature but also as a vibrant and kind-hearted man. More at:

<http://www.rferl.org/content/>

Peter_Vail_Veteran_RFERL_Broadcaster_Accomplished_Author_Dies_At_60/1898587.html
(Sergei S., Russia, ibid.)

** U S A [non]. Radio Free Europe appears on Jeopardy! November 26, 2009 ---

http://www.rferl.org/content/off_mic_radio_free_europe_on_jeopardy/1887755.html

Believe it or not, knowing a little bit about Radio Free Europe can win you some serious money. That was certainly the case on a recent episode of "Jeopardy!", where Radio Free Europe was the answer to this \$2,000 question in the Double Jeopardy! round:

Question: "This nonprofit corp. abbreviated R.F.E. was created to oppose the USSR's isolating its citizens from world info"

Answer: "What is Radio Free Europe"

The question was answered correctly by Robin Quivers, a radio and television personality from The Howard Stern Show. The episode, which aired on November 19th, 2009, was the third game of Jeopardy!'s 2009-2010 Million Dollar Celebrity Invitational Tournament. Celebrity participants played to win money for the charitable cause of their choice.

Although Robin ended up finishing in 2nd place -- resulting in a \$25,000 donation to the SEED School of Maryland -- she's a winner in our book. --Alex Mayer (via Sergei S., dxldyg via DXLD)

How Can Anyone Win This Game?! I guess "Jeopardy!" just doesn't want to give away that million ;) It was Radio Liberty that was targeting Soviet listeners, not RFE (Sergei S., Russia, ibid.)

Among the ignorant general public, differentiating between these two services is far too much to expect (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** U S A. Re 9-083: KTMI: Has program test authority "while license application antenna pattern issues being resolved"

WJHR has CP and callsign:

http://www.fcc.gov/ib/sand/neg/hf_web/WJHR.txt

(de Tom @FCC via Benn Kobb, DC, Dec 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WJHR IS ON THE AIR!

Dec 8 at 1434 UT I came upon a fire-and-brimstone preacher on 15550-USB, which has been an area rather vacant of signals this season, strangely enough. No carrier, pure USB. What could this be, WBCQ here instead of 15420 which clashes later with BBC? Typical sermon about resurrexion, etc., occasional murmers of assent from audience. Worx himself up into a lather periodically. 1445 suggests to start tithing with a quarter or a nickel tonight, then build up. 1450 becomes stronger needing attenuation to avoid pumping. 1451 some brief audio dropouts. 1455 fades a bit, start recording in case ID is coming up.

1501 preacher abruptly interrupted for hymn, which leads into ID as ``WJHR Radio International, Milton, Florida`` and asking for reports to wjhr @ usa.com 1502 resume same preacher in progress. Sounds like they have the rough produxion values of a WWRB. 1506 some music, 1510 more of preacher. Still going at 1520. And still audible vs local computer noise at 1600. Still detectable at 1715, but much weaker.

This is the brand-new SW station which has been in the making for some time, but we had seen no registration at all for this or any frequency

from them. Now we know. And just what we need! A clip of the 1501 ID has been posted on the DXLD yg.

No reply yet to my e-mail report as of 1725 UT, also requesting info on what power they are running, antenna direxionality, other frequencies if any and schedule, whether this is their first day and if anyone else has reported to them yet.

But here's what the FCC has on WJHR:

http://www.fcc.gov/ib/sand/neg/hf_web/WJHR.txt

50 kW, emission 4K50R3A, Cubex/quad antenna with 16.24 dB gain at 5 degrees azimuth, 64 degrees beamwidth and 11 degrees elevation
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Good reception in Victor, NY via onlinereceivers.net starting at 1540 UT. I guess the same crazy guy is speaking (Sergei S., Russia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Per Glenn's information, presumed WJHR heard currently, 1656, 12/8, 15550 kHz, USB. Signal varies moderate on peaks to almost non-existent, deep fades, lousy production. Wildly emotional preacher, parishioners' response. 1701, hymn and man with canned ID. WJHR, Radio International. "located in the city of Milton, Florida" Asked for reports to wjhr@usa.com Back into preacher talk (Don Jensen, Kenosha WI, NASWA yg via DXLD)

A Google search yielded several background items on this;
http://www.worlddxclub.org.uk/WDXC_archive_dxnews-2009-02.html
was the most helpful.

One wonders exactly whom Mr. Mock intends to reach with this broadcast, and what will motivate that audience to listen. Will Mr. Mock be operating with 50 kW from his home? If I recall, US "commercial" shortwave broadcasters (which includes religious broadcasters) have to operate with a minimum 50 kW to be licensed.
(Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, ibid.)

Which was originally from DXLD, requoted here:

From FCC public notice Dec 29, 2008: The applicant doing business as Hill Radio International is an individual, Scott Mock, WB4BF0, who plans to broadcast from his Milton, Florida home. He proposes to use a custom-built transmitter and a four-element cubical quad antenna at 90 feet above ground level. He told me that this station, which he hopes to name WJHR, will broadcast exclusively in single sideband. Thus, to the FCC application question of "rated unmodulated carrier power output", he answered "Zero". The stated emission type is B8E.

He conceded that SSB broadcasting is unusual, but feels that there are enough SSB-capable receivers now and that his content will be compelling. He said the station would be a commercial operation, but would be funded mostly by "contributions from churches that support our beliefs." The programming will come from a 40-year collection of recordings made at Smyrna Baptist Church in Pensacola Florida. This church received its own construction permit for an HF station one year ago. There are several months left before that construction permit expires, but it appears that it will not be built and that WJHR is a new version of that project (Benn Kobb, Washington D.C., DXLD, via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DXLD)

Indeed, this is a curious new station. Why anyone would try to reach a general audience on SW by means of USB is a mystery. CP granted in June to George S. Mock, 5920 Oak Manor Drive, Milton, FL, in the Florida panhandle. Transmitter (50 kW) supposed to be located at that address.

A Google look at that address shows what seems to be a rather good sized residence in the piney woods just off the cul-de-sac at the end of Oak Manor Drive. Mock supposedly doing business as Hill Radio International, but Googling turns up little about that entity. Mock, who seems to go by his middle name, Scott, rather than George, is a ham, WB4BF0 and is the trustee of the ham Northwestern (FL) Repeater Assn. (850) 623-5405. It appears that this Mock may be a recent graduate of Flagler College in St. Augustine, FL. No evangelical church website in Milton has any suggestion of being involved with WJHR. It is possible that this, somehow, is linked to an earlier CP for a SW station by the Smyrna Baptist Church of Pensacola FL, which seemingly has expired. I cannot locate any linkage, though. Inquiries are out to the station at the announced email addy, wjhr@usa.com (Don Jensen, NASWA yg via DXLD)

WJHR, Milton FL, probably just got program test authority allowing it to transmit on Dec 8. But Dec 9 nothing audible on 15550-incompatible USB at 1430 or 1526. However, it's a bit too close for reliable reception on 19m with no help from sporadic E (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not putting all that good of a signal up here at 1900 check. About the same as yesterday: Weak (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, USA, Dec 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

While I could not hear WJHR between 1430 and 1530 UT Dec 9, it was weakly audible on 15550-incompatible USB at 1745 check with same F&B preacher as the day before. Inaudible at next check 2045, altho WWCR inbooming on 15825 so suspect WJHR was then really off.

Five-degree azimuth puts maximum signal toward Lansing, Sault Ste. Marie, Fort Albany, Thule and Franz Josef Land, tho it's quite broad. FCC tells me WJHR is authorized to conduct equipment tests on 15550 kHz 1400-2200 UT, that's all. A clip of the ID I recorded Dec 8 is on WORLD OF RADIO 1490 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WTWW: Does anyone know the official start date and time in UT of this new shortwave broadcaster. We Transmit World Wide. I like the name, very catchy. I hear they will use two frequencies (Gary Drew, UK, Dec 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There is no ``official start date''. I just talked to George McClintonck. Most things are ready, but they are waiting on the power company to install the transformer, etc., and that is being delayed by the weather. There has been rain and wind, it's muddy and a bulldozer has to be used. The power poles are on site but not yet set. He says the power could be on this week, or next week, hopefully not later than that. The antenna wires are almost strung. Once they can go on the air, there will probably be a period of testing before regular programming starts (Glenn Hauser, Dec 9, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 4755, at 2214 7 Nov, WWCR ID of test broadcast, guitar music, SIO 333 (Kevin O'Daly, Sherwood Forest, Notts., Dec BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) 4755 at 2314 7 Nov, test transmission, ID and music, SIO 444 (Colin Watson, Cumbernauld, Lanarkshire, ibid.)

4775, at 2255 21 Nov, WWCR test, ID, request for reports, music, SIO 344 (Dave Kenny, Caversham, Berkshire, ibid.) Whence any QRM? Apparently the have not tested since on any 4 MHz channel (gh)

12160, at 1630 17 Oct, WWCR with WORLD OF RADIO, SIO 555 (Colin Watson, Cumbernaud, Lanarkshire, England, UK, Dec BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) Yay, perfect reception; hope it approaches that now at 1730 Saturdays (gh, DXLD)

This past weekend's WWCR "DX Block" had some oddities in it (UT Sun, 11/29/09, 0300-0400). Instead of the "Australian DX Report" at 0300, last week's "DX Partyline" was aired, and followed by the correct current "DX Partyline" at 0315. Then, instead of the current "World of Radio", #1488, which *had* been previously aired on WWCR (such as on 12160 earlier that same local day at 1730 UT), they played WoR #1487!

I don't know why WWCR doesn't count their "Ask WWCR" program as part of the "DX Block", since it directly precedes at 0245 UT, but the new #305 is worth listening to because it discussed their new testing on

4775 and quotes some DXers we all will recognize. 73, (Will Martin, MO, Dec 3, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And played some clips, but did not explain WHY they were testing those frequencies or whether they would use them futurely (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. I haven't had much time for DXing recently and I'm about to leave Nigeria to spend 4 months in the UK. However, just a few follow-ups to recent items on World of Radio. Your Friday 2130 broadcast via WWCR does reach me in Nigeria on 7465 with a reasonable signal (just a bit of splash from very strong Algeria on 7455). With best wishes from: (James MacDonell, Niger State, Nigeria, Dec 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 7455 == RTA via Issoudun, FRANCE, 500 kW, 162 degrees at 2000-2200 (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. WRMI Radio Miami International: heard World of Radio, #1484, Oct 29 UT (553), 0101 UT. WRMI heard world of Radio #1487, 1644 UT (433), QRM 9955 kHz, Nov 24 UT.

WBCQ, heard World of Radio, #1486, lots of QRM 7410, 7415, 7420 kHz what a mess, where have all the frequency planners gone, 2014 also tried 9330 kHz, 2015 (443), also QRM 9330 kHz, Nov 12 (Richard Lemke, AB, Dec CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

WBCQ Schedule Updates for December 2009.

Here are the latest schedule updates from the Planet. We welcome aboard a couple of new music shows.

Area 51 is shifting its weekday programming block an hour earlier for the winter season. Effective November 23, Area 51 will be on from 7 to 9 PM US eastern time (0000-0200 UT) on WBCQ 5110. The detailed Area 51 program schedule is found at <http://www.worldmicroscope.com> [but sked therein shows Sat and Sun add another hour from 2300]

Bluegrass State of Mind is going on hiatus. The last show will be Friday, December 4, 2009, at 6 PM eastern time (2300 UT) on WBCQ 7415.

Randy's Roadhouse, Mondays 6-630 PM eastern time (2300-2330 UT) on WBCQ 7415 starting Monday, December 7, 2009 (displaces World of Radio) [no, as in 9-083, it already started Nov 30, tho there was a lot of dead air --- gh]

Sparky Vision, Mondays 7-8 PM eastern time (0000-0100 UT [Tuesdays]) on WBCQ 7415 starting Monday, December 14, 2009 (displaces The Lumpy Gravy Radio Show)

Lumpy Gravy Radio Show, Wednesdays 7-8 PM eastern time (0000-0100 UT

[Thursdays]) on WBCQ 7415 starting Wednesday, December 16, 2009
(displaces Aroostok Watchmen)

Ody Slims Music Hour, Fridays 6-7 PM eastern time (2300-0000 UT) on
WBCQ 7415 starting Friday, December 11, 2009.

The full program schedule for all four of WBCQ's shortwave services is found at <http://schedule.wbcq.com>

Regards, (Larry Will, Dec 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. Tried to listen to Marion's Attic on WBCQ, 7415, Sunday Dec 6, from 2218 tune-in. Fair at first but before the hour was over became unlistenable. DentoCuban Jamming Command against Radio Martí on 7405 was putting out regular noise pulses at plus and minus 10 kHz, as happens very frequently, due to at least one of their multiple jamming transmitters suffering from spurious output.

No, these were not scratches on Marion's records, which also can occur at a steady repetitive rate! There was also a subaudible heterodyne indicating co-channel broadcast interference. By 2237 WBCQ was losing out to the DCJC noise, and by 2242 the CCI in Chinese had reached WBCQ's level and soon surpassed it as WBCQ was also fading down. At 2245 there was also a brief continuous tone, and then a few dots and dashes, after which I gave up.

The co-channel interference is sadly to be expected, since someone at HFCC signed off, agreeing for BBC in Mandarin via Thailand to use 7415 during this hour, necessarily requiring ChiCom jamming, which is probably what I was hearing with the CNR1 program, rather than BBC itself. (And during the hours preceding and following, CRI itself is on 7415!)

The adjacent channel interference from Cuban jamming is also to be expected, as any station is just asking for it by operating only 10 kHz away from any Radio Martí or other service jammed by Cuba (VOA, Radio República, WRMI). This could be solved by one or the other moving away, but I doubt that either would be willing to relinquish a longtime familiar and traditional channel. So everybody loses (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also EAST TURKISTAN

** U S A. Hi Glenn, Great people, these communists.

Anyway, great new programs on WBCQ 7415:
Sparkyvision, music and commentary, returns Mondays 7-8 pm Eastern
Ramesey's Roadhouse, music and radio news, airs 6-6:30 pm Mondays.
Ody Slim's Music Hour, music show, airs Fridays 6-7 pm Eastern. More great programs on the way.

Also-we have been experiencing a rise in listenership for the last year. We think due to new listeners looking for something different. As more government stations leave the air. We get more listeners. Shortwave radio is truly the last great alternative (Allan Weiner, WBCQ, Dec 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5110.0, WBCQ Monticello ME; 0012-0018+, 6-Dec; Rock music & poem about the Faggot Ball. The Planet SID at 0015+. S20 signal with roar QRM centering about 5105 (Harold Fodge, MI, DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CANADA: International Radio Report

** U S A. 9955, WRMI amid WORLD OF RADIO 1489, Sunday Dec 6 at 1630, just barely audible, and with SAH either from residual DentroCuban jamming or more likely YFR Russian via TAIWAN. I conclude that WRMI is still unable to use its NW-aimed antenna which could overcome all this, and must stay on the SSE antenna instead. Daily at 15-17 it's supposed to be USward.

9955, WRMI, Dec 7 at 1516, R. Prague's English program from yesterday, S9+18, not as strong as it can be, but perhaps indicating they are back on the NW antenna? A fast SAH mixed in, rather than jamming, no doubt YFR via Taiwan in Russian (they cannot use 9955 from Okeechobee because of their Hialeah neighbor, but by God, they'll use it from Taiwan!). A semihour later, WRMI a bit better during Studio DX in Italian.

9955, WRMI, still weak and not enough to overcome lite DentroCuban jamming pulses, Dec 9 at 1505 during R. Prague relay as they played Moldau theme. Apparently WRMI is still stuck on the SSE antenna only, the NW one unusable (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Jeff, Signal still weak vs jamming pulses at 1505+ today. Apparently you still cannot use the NW antenna? What's the prognosis for resuming it? Have you an updated schedule grid for Dec? (Glenn to Jeff White, via DXLD)

Glenn: We found the problem with the antenna. There is a part that was burned by an arc or a lightning strike. Allan Weiner and his engineer helped us, as they have the same kind of antenna. Our engineer and a consulting engineer are rebuilding the part. It could be perhaps a week yet before it's ready to go again. I'll try to get you an updated program schedule soon (Jeff White, WRMI, Dec 9, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9385, WWRB with open carrier only at 1320 Dec 3, and still 1325, after having moved up from 3185. Next check not until 1435 when Brother Scare had begun modulating madness sometime in the interim (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Hi Glenn: We have been working on a 'play' project over here at the WWRB shortwave transmitter facility. We built a Four Course Radio Range station operating on 28210 kHz (WA4SZE/B). Google 'Four Course Radio Range' for more details. The Four Course Radio Range was the first electronic aircraft navigation aid that made the airline industry. The low frequency range stations went on the air starting in 1928 the last range station in the world was QRT in 1970, give or take. Over 400 range stations were on the air at their peak deployment.

It's worth noting that you could fly across the country in solid IFR (Instrument Flying Rules) weather. Fly over a range station located at your destination, then shoot a range approach down to 300 feet above ground level and land. This invention provided night & day, all weather flying capability using a simple radio receiver and a good pair of EARS!

The range stations operated on 190 to 535 kHz low frequency band. The pilot would tune in the range station on his low frequency receiver, ID the station, then pick up a heading towards the station. The pilot would hear the Morse letter A or the letter N in his head set. When the pilot was 'on the beam', he would hear a steady 1020 cycle tone in his head set. If the aircraft drifted off the beam, he would start to hear the letter A or the letter N starting to 'fade' up getting louder, the steady on-course tone getting lower, the farther he drifted off the beam.

If the aircraft was way off one of the four on-course 'beams', he would hear either a solid letter A or N, depending which sector the aircraft was in. The pilot could fly a standard orientation pattern to determine where he was in relation to the range station, if he was going to or from the station, and what heading he required to keep, to intercept the range leg to or from the range station.

We have been playing with the range station almost every day for the last few months and it's been a blast! I fly almost every day now, doing all kinds of projects for Airline Transport Com.

At 41,000 feet the range station can be picked up out to 300 NM. The other day, 270 nautical miles northwest of WWRB, I asked air traffic control to go direct to the lat / long waypoint that defines the location of the WWRB transmitter facility.

Air Traffic Control gave me the clearance and I tracked the range station's on course 'beam' using the aircraft's HF radio tuned to 28210. Using the headset and using my ears to intercept the 172 degree inbound leg to the 'range station, it tracked with the Aircraft's GPS

to within one degree! A solid 'on course' beam!

That was a BLAST: Starting at 41,000 feet, 270 NM out from WWRB, using my EARS to track to the 28210 kHz range station with nothing more than my EARS!!! Flying the on-course beam to the range station took me right dead over the range station into the 'cone of silence' to boot!

Before we started to intercept the 172 degree inbound course to the 28210 kHz range station, we were in the solid Morse letter A sector we were flying a heading of 150 degrees to intercept. After heading 150 degrees for a short time, we could start to hear the 'on course' tone starting to build up in the headset, the Morse letter A starting to fade down until we got the solid tone indicating we were 'on the beam'. I flew through the 'on course' beam (tone) to get the Morse letter N to just start fading up, then turn right to get back on the beam. Started to bracket the beam to find the wind correction angle to track 172 degree inbound range leg to the station; what a BLAST! using 1928 navigation methods.

We will be posting photos of our new 'toy' on the WWRB shortwave web site at <http://www.wwrb.org>

We plan on converting the LYQ beacon on 529 kHz to a Four Course Radio Range if we can get FAA approval to do so. Have you heard a Radio Range station back in the early 60's or late 50's? Please google Four course Radio Range for some cool info! (Dave Frantz, WWRB, Dec 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Yes, I remember hearing them on LW (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. Almost three weeks after 'Tony Al-mo' was sentenced to 175 years for child sexual abuse, he's still on WINB, Dec 3 around 1335 on 9265. I wasn't going to bother to report this again, but there is something else to outpoint: 9265 signs off at 1400, but other frequency 13570 had still not come on at 1524, which means that on weekdays, they have nothing between the two Hoffman broadcasts at 13-14 and 16-17.

While on weekdays, WINB takes a break 14-16 UT between two airings of convicted and sentenced child sex offending evangelist Tony Alamo, on Sunday 9265 still on the air past 1400 Dec 6 with some other preacher; next check at 1514, 13570 already on the air with another preacher. But the transmitter is upacting now, carrier more unstable than usual and also outputting spurs worst at modulation peaks circa 13530-13550 and 13500-13520, interfering with more and more CODAR; also audible around 13600.

WINB, 13570, which was outputting spurs the morning of Dec 6, still doing so the afternoon at 2150, peaking as before around 13510, 13540 and 13600. Must have switched to 9265 at 2200, since there it was at

2214 but with no spurs and slightly better modulation on this fundamental (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. MISTRIAL IN CASE OF BROADCASTER ACCUSED OF THREATS TO JUDGES
By WILLIAM GLABERSON December 8, 2009

After jurors in Brooklyn said they were deadlocked, the judge declared a mistrial Monday in the case of an incendiary Internet broadcaster charged with threatening three federal judges with death.

The three-day trial of the broadcaster and blogger, Harold C. Turner, featured a catalog of his comments about various officials he called "sleazy and cunning" tyrants, and centered on a posting in June that three federal appeals court judges in Chicago who had upheld handgun bans "deserve to be killed."

But the trial did not feature evidence that prosecutors had suggested that it might: exhaustive information of threats over a long period, and testimony from the three judges. And because of that, the jury had formed an impression that the prosecution had "bailed out," one juror said, while another added that there was "not enough evidence." . . .
<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/08/nyregion/08turner.html?ref=todayspaper&pagewanted=print>

(via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** U S A. 13835, Dec 5 at 1406, Nutcracker Suite playing, but in Dec that doesn't mean any newfound commitment to classical music, just the must-play most-hackneyed seasonal 'favorite', WEWN slipping into secularity, ooooh, but by 1414 back to sacredarity with organ music; unsolid signal as usual (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 15385, KJES Vado NM (presumed); 1941-1947+, 4-Dec; Robo-kids in English, into segment with simultaneous robo-kids, group singing and M talking -- mind-numbing multi-tasking. SI0=444-, rapid ticking QRM from about 15380 (Harold Fodge, MI, DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Ticking believed to be spur from DCJC 15330 against Martí (gh)

** U S A [non]. 17680, Dec 7 at 1427, praise song in English instead of usual Spanish. Is there hope for CVC resuming English via CHILE? Transmission then dumped off for less than a minute, probably God dropping a hint that they'd better get back to Spanish as scheduled. In 2010 CVC is reported quitting SW from Australia, and perhaps elsewhere in favor of webcasting (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. KAIJ --- Please DELETE the former KAIJ SW site located at Frisco, TX, USA. Using the World of Radio - DX Listening Digest Archives as a reference source, I think it is fair to say that the

last transmission of KAIJ was around Nov 30, 2007 and that the SW site was dismantled somewhere between January & August 2008. If anyone can determine more accurate dates please let us know.

Antennas are still noted with Google Street View. This begs the question: Does anyone know how to determine Street View image dates (if at all possible?) Regards, (Ian Baxter, Australia, Nov 30, shortwavesites yg via BC-DX Dec 4 via DXLD)

Google Maps search KAIJ Frisco pointed to Continental Electronics Corporation? 4212 S Buckner Blvd, Dallas, TX, United States? - Tel. (214) 381-7161?

ITU GenÈve entry: KAIJ Denton, TX USA

33 13 N 96 52 W

real USA KAIJ Frisco, TX location:

33 13 03.18 N 96 51 48.69 W

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(Wolfgang B_schel, Nov 29, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 4 via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. 13645, Dec 8 at 1428, US gospel huxter closing with address in Massachusetts, open carrier till off at 1430*. Per Aoki, it's some Pan American Broadcasting client via Nauen, GERMANY, which uses 13645 at 1415-1430 [not 1439 as typoed in initial report] Mon-Sat, expanded on Sundays to 1400-1445 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. All, Mr. Cuff's comment about the power of WJHR [vide supra] had me wondering about the broadcast power of WMLK

<http://www.wmlkradio.net/index.html>

Upon visiting their website (which has a link to the 2009 SWL Fest), I first looked at Parts for Sale and found what follows (Note the last line). If their output is 250 KW it is no wonder my Diet Coke boils in the can as I drive past the transmitter on I-78 -- the curtain is about 100 feet from the right-of-way!

Also take a look at the two links which address ice damage to the antenna in late January 2008 and the subsequent repairs, which were only started 17 months later. The damage was repaired (or they had stopped work) by late August when I took my son back to Penn State and there were no cranes present.

``Parts For Sale

1. Various components from a RCA BTA 50G and a RCA BTA 50F. These will be priced to sell. You can make your needs known via e-mail.

2. We also have the empty cabinets from the BTA 50F for sale. We were intending on using these cabinets for a 100 KW Short-wave unit. We have since purchased a BBC 250 KW unit and installed this instead.
(Ron Hunsicker, Wyomissing, PA 19610-2102, NASWA yg via DXLD)

I assume you jest about your coke boiling, as they have never axually used the 250 kW transmitter, as far as we know (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

I asked Gary McAvin (chief engineer) a couple months back regarding the status --- at that time they had all the parts but hadn't yet installed the new transmitter. Their original power was 50 kW.

The transmitter building was a gas station from the short period when US 22 had been upgraded to a four-lane divided highway but had not yet been made controlled access.

Once the highway was accepted into the Interstate System as I-78 it was converted into controlled access, and prospective patrons could no longer access the gas station directly from the highway. That probably led to its demise as a gas station (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA, NASWA yg vi DXLD) Luckily for the SWBC industry! (gh)

** U S A. NEWSFLASH - WAMC's Mt. Greylock transmitter is back on the air. WAMC FM 90.3: Was off the air for several hours on 11/30/09 due to a scheduled power outage by National Grid. Power has been restored and so has our signal. Thanks for your patience.

Announcement: We are signing WRUN-AM 1150 off the air today. It will no longer be a part of the WAMC network. Please listen to WRUN 90.3 in Remsen. 11/30/09 (from <http://www.wamc.org/engineering.html> via DXLD)

A note to listeners of WRUN AM 1150 is in order. As of the end of November we will cease operation of that station. When we acquired WRUN it was with no expectation that we could get an FM signal in the area. Since WRUN-FM at 90.3 came on the air this past summer we now have FM and HD Radio signals in the area. Please tune to 90.3 for the continuation of our service. Until Next Month, Good Listening! (WAMC

Dec program guide via DXLD)

WRUN 1150 is/was in Utica, 5/1 kW U4. So WAMC ceases operation of it, but is it still on the air or will it return under other ownership? Shame to just ditch it when it could still have provided alternate programming, even IBOC! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Still on the air under new ownership; for now with automated top-40, but that's just to keep the needles moving until the station can be sold or traded for something else, I think. s (Scott Fybush, Rochester, Dec 3, WTFDA via DXLD)

An answer might be here in the Nov. 9 edition of Scott Fybush's Northeast Radio Watch:

"The "WDRE" calls that disappeared from Long Island last week have been reserved for future use by Digital Radio Broadcasting, the Hudson Valley-based station group owned by Bud Williamson - who's associated with the "DRE" initials through his primary business, Digital Radio Engineering. We'd guessed that the calls were headed to Bud's new signal on 1400 in Middletown, but that one's keeping the WNYW calls. Digital Radio also has unbuilt construction permits in Milford, PA and Ontario, NY, as well as WRUN (1150 Utica)." (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon NY, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Overnight in the wee hours of 12/03/09 (Thursday), a friend of mine on the way home from work, caught WRUN 1150 on the air again with frequent "WRUN, Utica" IDs and what amounted to automated light adult contemporary and instrumentals.

The new owner is DIGITAL RADIO BROADCASTING, INC. There is a CP to change WRUN from 5 kW day 3 tower DA, 1 kW night 5 tower DA to 4 kW day 4 tower DA, 370 watts night 4 tower DA and change the city of license from Utica NY to nearby New Hartford NY. The COL change is a result of the change in power and pattern as the present city grade signal will no longer fall over the city of Utica.

WRUN-AM 1150 isn't gone, it is just going through some major changes
(Bob Carter - KC4QLP - WQJK414
Mid-Atlantic-Engineering-Service of Utica NY / Elizabeth City NC
<http://www.midatlanticengineeringservice.com/>

WKVU-FM 100.7 Utica/Rome NY, WKVJ-FM 89.7 Dannemora/Plattsburgh NY, WKYJ-FM 88.7 Rouses Point NY, WRCK 107.3 Utica NY, WVVC-LPTV-40 Utica NY, WVVC-FM 88.5 Dolgeville NY, WKTV-DT 2 Utica NY, WFNY-AM 1440/TV-49/W233AM-FM 94.5 Gloversville NY, WNGG-FM 90.9 Gloversville NY, WNGN 91.9 Argyle NY, WNGF-FM 89.9 Swanton VT, WFBL-AM 1390 - WSEN-FM 92.1/AM 1050 Syracuse/Baldwinsville NY, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NY, Utica, WRUN, 1150, converts to commercial operation, owned by Bud Williamson. It had relayed WRUN-FM *90.3 Remsen NY, before being briefly off the air (Bruce Elving, MN, Dec 9, DX LISTENING DIGESET)

Heritage callsign goes away --- WRUN-AM 1150 is now WUTI AM 1150 Utica NY --- The music continues (automated, 70s, 80s old top 40) on AM 1150. The call letters are now being given as "WUTI, Utica NY" (Bob Carter - KC4QLP - WQJK414, Dec 8, Mid-Atlantic-Engineering-Service of Utica NY / Elizabeth City NC, ibid.)

** U S A. KCSN ñ WHO NEEDS ANNOUNCERS?

<http://www.insidethearts.com/scanningthedial/2009/10/28/marty-ronish/1321/>

Thanks to reader Larry Mayer for letting us know about the massive ó meaning 100% ó cuts to KCSNís announcing staff. The Northridge CA station has laid off their entire announcing staff and gone to unannounced, automated music from 6 am to 6 pm. According to John Rabeís blog at Southern California Public Radio, KCSN plans to launch a digital stream on their website so you can see the name of the piece and the composer. For the moment itís light classical, single movements, no-name stuff.

Management attributes the staff reductions to critical cuts in state funding to Cal State Northridge. iEvery part of the university has had to reduce costs, and the radio station is no exception.í said Robert Bucker, dean of the Mike Curb College of Arts, Media and Communication.

These cuts follow a previous round of bad luck for KCSN, which sustained serious earthquake damage in January 1994 and then lost its CPB funding in 1998.

One Response to iKCSN ñ Who Needs Announcers?í Fred says:
November 6, 2009 at 6:11 pm

For the record ~ KCSN FM was re-instated by CPB for yet another round of Community Service Grant (Federal) money last year for some mysterious reason. As KCSN GM, it was never revealed to me why or how this money rolled in. In fact, the whole deal was shrouded in mystery and continues so to this very day. Why would CPB give a proven iunder-performerí almost 200 grand after the station was removed from the system a year prior as a result of lackluster RRC/Arbitron ratings? It is indeed a mystery. But thatís what happened.

During my 12 years at the station, with detailed RRC data analysis each quarter in my hands to prove it, KCSN would (and most likely never will) attain the Cume and AQH listener numbers required by CPBís

current Community Service Grant audience service criteria.

The nagging issue remains: KCSN suffers from a paltry signal and a severely diminished total coverage area as a result of KSBR's co-channel interference and the due protection of (88.3 FM) KCLU's 1-millivolt contour, amongst other issues. So, the federal money has once again trickled away, imagine that, and by default, the live classical presenters. OK, now what?

The Americana Alternative evening format that we began to build up from scratch, with able assistance from the Americana Music Association, a year ago, is being decimated and changed out for "The Milk Toast Hits of the 70s," and the station is now being run by pedagogues who, with all due respect, have no clue about programming or the business of radio.

And to top it all off, the college administration has brought in a consultant yet again to point out the rough spots and suggest a course of action (which was suggested previously by the same gent three years ago). He'll probably suggest the same course of action (history repeats, history repeats --- at 60k a pop). How quickly we forget. A shining, glaring example of mismanagement. Who's in charge here? Why aren't proper decisions being made to ensure the fiscal health of the radio station? How long does it take?

Now, I wouldn't really care except all of this is being inflicted upon a gem of a radio station and a staff of great people that I truly care about. Forget that I was GM, Program Director, Music Director, webmaster, supervisor, etc. Folks, this is painful. I mean, ouch!

The house continues to be cleansed, yet the sheer undirected madness of it all is shameful. Budget or no budget, supporting members, station staffers, beloved community volunteers, and listeners should not be treated this way, ever. I have one word to describe this hornet's nest. Unbelievable. FJ (Scanning the Dial blog via DXLD)

** U S A. CARL KASELL RETIRES FROM NPR NEWS

His voice has awakened listeners each morning for most of his 30 years as an NPR newscaster, but as of December 30, photo by Antony Nagelmann

Carl Kasell is retiring from the early morning shift. He may be sleeping later, but Carl will continue to be the Official Judge and Scorekeeper for Wait, Wait.. Don't Tell Me!, and he'll also continue his travels to stations around the country on NPR's behalf.

Carl first walked through the doors of NPR in 1975 as a part-time newscaster, and was on the air in November 1979 at the inception of

Morning Edition. His 50-year broadcasting career has culminated in induction into the North Carolina Journalism Hall of Fame and several major broadcast awards, including a Peabody which he shares with Morning Edition and another he shares with Wait, Wait.

You can drop him a line in the comments section of NPR's blog, The Two-Way (via KGOU E-newsletter Dec 3 via DXLD)

** U S A. 1060, WILB Canton OH; 2154, 1-Dec; Living Bread Radio (I prefer that my bread not be able to crawl off the plate); another call-in show about how terrible everything is; spots for Ave Maria Radio, Ave Maria investments & Ave Maria Web Store (I'm surprised there isn't an Ave Maria slicer/dicer, Ave Maria spot remover, Ave Maria erectile dysfunction remedy & Ave Maria ribbed condoms). Trading places on top with KYW (Harold Fodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW + 86 ft. coil dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Hmm, yeast is certainly living (gh)

** U S A. COMCAST TO PURCHASE NBC-UNIVERSAL FROM GE --- Just saw this as a lead story on NBC's Today show. Cable company Comcast is to purchase NBC-Universal from General Electric. Here are some links.

New York Times (December 3, 2009)
<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/04/business/media/04nbc.html?hp=&adxnnl=1&adxnnlx=1259845526-iElqph9EGM6bvluGMN61aQ>

MSNBC (December 3, 2009)
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/34247302/ns/business-media_biz/

BBC News (December 3, 2009)
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/business/8392931.stm>

CNN (December 3, 2009)
http://money.cnn.com/2009/12/03/news/companies/comcast_nbc/index.htm

Fox News (December 3, 2009)
<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,579001,00.html>

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(Fritze H Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, EM43aw
<http://tvdxseark.blogspot.com> <http://www.twitter.com/KC5KBV>
Dec 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Plus countless others since

** U S A. 3956-LSB, Dec 5 at 0535 anti-Catholic polemic being read by a ham, allegedly quoting Cardinal Newman, etc., to effect that the RCC is either totally representing God, or the Devil, ``Kingdom of Evil'' and the Vatican has the Devil sequestered within its walls.

Gave ID as KC0EBM at 0538, paused, no one replied, and then resumed.

Another ID at 0541 and apparently finished for time being. No attempt at 2-way contacts, but at least he IDed. Trouble is, only once each, not clearly and no fonetix. I am pretty sure it was KC0EBM, but could have been EBN. ARRL lookup shows, from official FCC public info:

FRIESS, THOMAS E, KC0EBM (General)
3320 WILLIS
PERRY, IA 50220

While KC0EBN is a previous call sign for someone else, now W0ARL (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re my report of WHW283 on 6224, Dec 2: I should have said the difference between the listed frequency and the SSB reference frequency [i.e. where the carrier is inserted] is the typical 1400 Hz, not 1140 Hz as miscalculated; corrected portion:

The 6.22540 MHz listing apparently relates to a reference frequency 1400 Hz below it which is the way to report SSB logs, 6224.0 kHz and could also be on 6227.0. Oops, grant expired 5.8 years ago! Outdated info on this page? Looks like a daily 9 am CT net (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. New filing window opens February 19-26, 2010
FCC APPROVED CITIES FOR NEW FULL-POWER NON-COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS

Hi, Glenn! I get (now & then) a program-schedule magazine from the Three Angels people. In the latest one a few days ago, there's an article about applying for an LPFM station license to relay their religious programming.

Unfortunately, I can't find a simple link to the article itself; their website shows that the magazine can be retrieved using Adobe Reader. But the site *does* have a pointer to the table of cities where applications will be taken for this upcoming period. Thought you might like to see it.

Here is the 3ABN listing of cities for LPFM applications:
http://www.3abnradio.org/pdf/nce-2009_cities.pdf
73, (Will Martin, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There are ENOUGH GOSPEL-HUXTER FM stations all over the USA already! I suggest legitimate public-service EDUCATIONAL broadcasters apply for these before 3ABN can get them, or at least give them some competition. The Catholix are also salivating over these frequencies and are in an organized campaign to grab as many as possible for themselves. And no doubt there are other religious groups doing the same (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Hi Doug, We're getting the runaround from a station whose public file we want to inspect. Sorry to bother you instead of hunting thru FCC, but you can probably answer the simple question of whether the file has to be in the city of license. What if they never answer the phone, and you can't find out where the business office is?
Txn, (Glenn to Doug Smith, via DXLD)

I think this page probably answers the formal end of your questions:
<http://www.fcc.gov/eb/broadcast/pif.html>

(if you find the station, you may want to bring this page to their attention -- scroll down, and it shows examples of what the Enforcement Bureau does to stations that ignore the Public File rules!)

Scroll all the way to the bottom to see what the FCC wants you to do if you think a station is violating these rules.

The way I read this, the public file must be located at the station's main studio. If that main studio is not located in the city of license, then the station must assist the public (by telephone) to identify which documents they want to see, must be willing to pay the postage to mail copies of those documents to the requester, and must be willing to mail, at their expense, a copy of "The Public and Broadcasting" to the requester (though it's probably easier to download the latter document yourself from the FCC website).

Note that these rules do not apply to -LP stations. (FM or TV) (I believe they DO apply to -CA TV stations)

I don't know of any way to find the main studio if it's not in the phone book nor on the station's website. However, you can find the address-of-record of the licensee. Go to
http://licensing.fcc.gov/prod/cdbs/pubacc/prod/sta_sear.htm

and search for the station in question. When you get a hit, click on "Click for Details". An address will appear in the window. **That may not be the business office**, but it is as I understand it the address the FCC will use if they have official correspondence for the station. If that correspondence doesn't get answered, the station is in serious trouble! As I write, there are some technical problems with this page.

If I didn't get an answer to mail to that address, I think I'd write the Commission at the address on the bottom of this page:
<http://www.fcc.gov/eb/broadcast/pif.html>
-- (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Doug, Many tnx for all the info. Well, this is an -LP station, so I guess we are probably out of luck if there are no requirements for them to make public files available? (Glenn to Doug, ibid.)

Yep, best I can tell from these documents -LP stations aren't required to have a public file (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View TN EM66, ibid.)

** U S A. Help needed with FCC DB search for AM ID --- I've looked up TIS stations (on AM) before in the FCC database and just can't figure out how I did it. Tonite I heard on 1600 kHz a TIS or Government station with the call letters W230AD. Does anyone know who this is and/or can help me with the FCC DB search. Thanks, (Bill Nollman, Farmington, CT, 5 Dec, WTFDA via DXLD)

W230AD is on the big tower at the W4CAT ham station on Music Mountain six miles north of Gallatin, Tenn., where WVCP-88.5 was until a tornado 18 months ago and where WGFX-104.5 was years ago (but that's probably not what you want to know -- that W230AD is a FM translator, relaying WNAZ-89.1 on 93.9).

Somehow, those calls are wrong. I would expect four letters followed by three or four digits. There's a TIS search page on:

http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/General_Menu_Report/engineering_search.cfm?service_select=LP&radio_service_select=PW&state_select=TN&county_select>All&begin_freq=1680&begin_freq_type=K&end_freq=&end_freq_type=M&polar=B&radio_ch0=PR&lat_ddd=&lat_mm=&lat_ss=&ns_radio_ch1=N&lon_ddd=&lon_mm=&lon_ss=&ew_radio_ch1=W&radius=&distance_type=K&lat_ddd2=&lat_mm2=&lat_ss2=&ns_radio_ch2=&lon_ddd2=&lon_mm2=&lon_ss2=&ew_radio_ch2=&ACCESSIBLE=NO&soundex_select=&begin_grant_date=&end_grant_date=&begin_expiration_date=&end_expiration_date=&sortstring=%2C+callsign%2C+lic_name&limit_select=4

[gh leaves the pasting back together to you; a tinyurl attempt failed]]

However, it's nearly useless. You can't search for all stations on 1600 nationwide -- it will time out and insist you use more specific criteria. I tried searching for all stations on 1600 within 2000 km of the WFSB-3 tower -- it decided I didn't want those *within* 2000 km of the WFSB tower, but those that are *on* the WFSB tower (yeah, right).

The largest radius you seem to be able to search is 400 km. There are no TISs on 1600 within 400 km (240 miles) of the WFSB tower. I guess you could repeat the search with a variety of other point locations in the Northeast (as a sanity check, I ran a search on TISs on *1610* within 400 km of WFSB and got MANY hits. 1610 is a MUCH more popular frequency for TISs). Also tried searching by state. It didn't find any in New England, New York State, New Jersey, or Pennsylvania.

Note that federal government TISs (for example, in National Parks) do not require a license from the FCC and may not be in this database.

-- (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, *ibid.*)

** U S A. Here is the Website for the pirate formerly on 107.9 MHz in Lompoc. Said pirate is moving to 1610 kHz:

<http://www.freeradiolompoc.com/>

(CGC Communicator Dec 3 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

A proud affiliate of Republic Broadcasting Network, TX (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. CHRISTMAS MUSIC 24/7

When I hear a station boasting that they're going all-Christmas for a month, I receive a message from the station (or corporate) management to tune out and come back again in January. I can understand a few holiday favorites thrown in each hour with the normal programming - hey, it's the season after all, and I do enjoy that. But 24-7 continuous for a month? I'd get real fast burnout on 25 or so different renditions of "White Christmas" over an 8-hour workday, and by the time Christmas actually rolled around, I wouldn't want to hear Christmas music anymore.

Going all-Christmas is probably the dumbest fad a station can fall for in December - you're just dumping a bunch of listeners by forcing something on them they may or may not want. Sadly, Smooth Jazz 98.1 KIFM in San Diego just went Christmas every day 6AM to 6PM last week - and with that, another daytime listener was lost (me) until January again. It would be nice to see what the actual listener response is for stations that do this - maybe OTHER stations get a bump with 'refugee' listeners who just want normal programming. I emailed KIFM what I thought (Darwin Long, Simi Valley, CA, 2110 UT Dec 3, ABDX, via DXLD)

VERY INTERESTING - I just checked KIFM a couple minutes ago, and they apparently have RETURNED to a 'normal' smooth jazz format with a few holiday tunes 'peppered in' each hour. They must have gotten a bunch of similar responses from people that felt the same, because they WERE playing solid holiday music (jazz-based, of course) a couple days ago, but not now! (Darwin Long, Simi Valley, CA, 2119 UT Dec 3, *ibid.*)

While I agree with your point of view, Darwin, the Tampa station that I referenced appears to have targeted business offices and retailers as a core part of its target demographic. I suspect that they want their station blaring out in the malls and stores during the Christmas buying season. I may be wrong about this, but it would explain why they risk boring their regular listeners. For my own tastes, I agree

with you. To put it another way, I like ice cream, but I don't want it 24 hours a day! To make matters worse, these stations have a tendency to repeat their playlists every few days (Dick W., *ibid.*)

Here's the interesting thing - you and I may not want ice cream 24 hours a day, but *someone* apparently does, because most of these stations that have been going all-Christmas (some as early as Halloween) have been doing it for years now --- and almost without exception, they find that their ratings and revenues both go up --- year after year. Not my cup of tea, by any means, but it's hard to argue it doesn't work. s (Scott Fybush, *ibid.*)

Darwin, just so you know, last year with Arbitron's new PPM (monitored listening) rolling out, as I recall there were 18 markets tested during December. The Christmas music station was #1 in 17 of them. I bet the story will be even stronger this year, with more markets now on PPM.

No format has ever shown this level of dominance in a month. In most cases, listening to the regular format when it resumes in January equals (and often exceeds) what it did prior to the format flip. That's why they do it; it spikes listening more than a \$1,0000,000 [sic] cash giveaway ever could (Brian Goodrich, Greensboro, NC, *ibid.*)

A wise man named Randy Newman once said, "It's money that matters in the USA." (Kevin Redding, Crump, TN, *ibid.*)

** U S A. KVCE Dallas -- What's up? Been listening to Indian (sub-continent) music on 1160, followed by a string of Dallas-area ads and hype about the station covering the "Metroplex" area, then back to Indian music. KVCE is supposed to be cons-talk. Any clues?
73, (Jim, KR1S, Kearman, FL, 2339 UT Dec 7, ABX via DXLD)

New leased-time tenant - it's the "Radio Salaam Namaste" Indian folks who also lease KFJZ 870 in Fort Worth. The biz talk has apparently moved to KFCD 990, or so my 100kw data tells me. s (Scott Fybush, NY, *ibid.*)

So now even our business-talk stations have been outsourced to India?! :) Thanks and 73, (Jim, KR1S, *ibid.*)

** U S A. If you could use some good laughs, I recommend, if you have not already heard them:

CAPITOL STEPS HALLOWE`EN 2009 SPECIAL (half an hour), no longer linked on their website but still audible at direct link:
<http://www.capsteps.com/sounds/Radio-0910.ram>

THE IG NOBEL AWARDS, a yearly hoot from Talk of the Nation Science Friday, airing on Black Friday (almost an hour):
<http://www.sciencefriday.com/program/archives/200911271>
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Altho designed for Iowa Public Radio, here's a handy list of public radio programs with linx to their websites and direct linx to podcasts where available: <http://iowapublicradio.org/programs.php>
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. My annual compendium of special holiday programming pages from webcasting US public radio stations (and a few commercial classical) is now partly complete:
<http://worldofradio.com/calendar.html#holiday>
Enjoy, (Glenn Hauser, Dec 6, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** URUGUAY. SarandÌ 6045 and 6125 SODRE R. Uruguay, active again. The first one, stronger than previous days but suffering from the same saturated/distorted audio; the latter on the contrary barely audible (Horacio Nigro, Montevideo, 2003 UT Dec 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6045, Radio SarandÌ, Montevideo, 2030-2040, December 05, Spanish. Program "Amplitud Musical" // 690 kHz. Announcement & ID as: "M·s comunicaciÛn, m·s interactiva, m·s radio... siempre Sarandi". Local ads. "SER, siempre estamos donde vos estÈs..."; "...portal digital de El PaÌs..." (El PaÌs newspaper), jingle "Vinos Fais·n, un buen amigo en tu mesa". TC & announcement "Amplitud Musical en SarandÌ". SINPO: 34443. Thanks Horacio Nigro for the tip! sobre la salida al aire de esta emisora! (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA [non]. AlÛ, Presidente check, Sunday Dec 6 via CUBA: at 1520, nothing showing on 13750 or any of the other frequencies. But at 1623, 13750 was on with Hugo pontificating; at 1627 also much weaker signal on 12010 and even weaker but detectable on 11690. Seemed to be carriers on 13680 and 17750 but could not confirm them as A,P.

11680, RNV via CUBA, routine check Dec 7 at 1539 just as they were announcing their transmission schedule in Spanish. Yes! It is STILL the one years out of date from their earliest broadcasts, always starting with ``to San Francisco at 11 am on 13740''. This and all the others mentioned have been gone for years, except the final one, ``to Rio de Janeiro at 17 hours on 17705'' which by sheer luck still exists, except the current local time at 20 UT is 1800, and all the times given are local standard, ignoring DST, and never stated as such. Well, the rest matter not, since no one can hear them on the

frequencies given, anyway.

How can any studio be so ignorant of its own broadcasts?? Listened another dekaminute, and it was right back to The Voice of the Personality Cult of Hugo Ch·vez, all in Spanish. Listening to RNV, you would think that nothing ever happens in Venezuela that is not somehow derived from the revolutionary socialist Bolivarian wisdom of El Hugazo (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. ALGERIA: 6297.2, Radio Nacional Saharahui; 2248-2302+, 30-Nov; Odd chanting, sounding like a very weird pop tune; Announcement by W at 2252 over flute tune from the movie Kill Bill; 2 IDs as RNS (without ;rabe or Democr·tica); 2256 M in Spanish with news or political commentary -- paÙs, Sahuari [sic], gobierno (many), etc. SIO=2+22, USB helps with ute pulses (Harold Frogde, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW + 86 ft. coil dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RASD Rabouni [ALGERIA, 6297v] --- I heard this station yesterday at 0730. Has not been on for a while. Is it worth sending a report with the recording and US 1.00? Did anybody ever QSL this station before? Thanks (Alex Wellner, Australia, 2 Dec, ARDXC via DXLD)

6297, LV de la RASD, Dec 8 at 0703 playing anthem, brief announcement and into chanting which is presumably Qur'anic devotional, tho not like a regular recitation heard from stations closer to Mecca (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. 6065, R. Christian Voice/CVC, 1607, Dec 1. Reception is possible only after CNR-2/CBR signs off. News in English with item about Zambia and AIDS/HIV; IDs iChristian Voicei; religious songs; poor; tuned out at 1622 (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZANZIBAR. TANZANIA: 11735, Radio Tanzania Zanzibar (tentative); 1642-1703+, 5-Dec; Afro pop music; M&W news in unknown language, Arabic? Chant at 1651; ID? spot at 1656 mentioning Dar es Salaam; drums-pips-tone at 1700 then more Afro-pop. SIO=2+22, co-channel QRM sounds like Portuguese [Brasil] , also Habana in Spanish on 11730 (Harold Frogde, MI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 162 [sic] kHz, 1018 9 Nov, OMs, discussion // 162 but 2 seconds behind. Bearing 100 degrees, which equates to DLF Donebach! Do DLF relay France-Inter occasionally? Had it not been for the bearing, I might have thought the signal was from R. Algerienne which could have made some sense, perhaps? SIO 344 (David Gascoyne, Staplehurst, Kent, Dec BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) The unID frequency must have

really been 153 kHz, where DLF and Algeria reside. I suppose the language was French but why not say so? (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1200, on caradio Dec 8 at 1854, WOAI was weakly audible, presumably skywave, but with a fast SAH estimated at about 15 Hz. What could that be? WOAI has to be on exactly 1200.000 for IBOC, and so listed in mwoffsetts, but nothing in USA there at plus or minus 15 Hz. My first guess would have been KFNW in ND, but that's shown as only 2 Hz low. Other possibilities are Nashville, Chicago, for which no offsets are known, or even the little Bûlivar MO station. Or maybe an as yet undiscovered Talking House transmitter nearby (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. On the caradio circa 2030 UT Dec 3, noticed a lo audible het on 1410, primary groundwave station here being Wichita, but skywave already inkicking. The just updated MW offsets website has hundreds of entries, many of them really LW, and a relative few SW, but only a few US stations are mentioned on 1410, of which only this one is a possibility, by proximity and rough het pitch, but the info is 2.75 years old: 1410 1409.952 USA WDSK (Cleveland, MS) 20070303
<http://www.mwlist.org/mwoffset.php?khz=>
(Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Het not noticed since

UNIDENTIFIED. Hi Glenn, While tuning around on the MW bands, I came across what sounded like a Japanese call-in show. I thought this very unusual being that I am in the central U.S. Is this possible or are there U.S. stations that broadcast in Japanese? 1600 kHz / 2130 gmt Thanks (Larry Beth, Bryant, AR, Dec 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Larry, There are lots of languages on US stations, especially AM. I'll bet you had KRVA in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, which is in Vietnamese whenever I hear it, but possibly has some other Asian languages at times (Glenn to Larry, via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. BCB DX LOGGINGS FROM SHAWN M. AXELROD VE4DX1SMA DX'ING FROM WINNIPEG MB, RECEIVERS: ICOM ICR-70 / DRAKE R8; ANTENNAE: 4 FOOT UNAMPLIFIED BOX LOOP / QUANTUM LOOP/ 155 FOOT OUTDOOR WIRE / 100 FOOT INDOOR WIRE / MFJ 1026 PHASING UNIT. TIMES ARE EASTERN TIME ZONE FOR DOMESTIC/

1710, UNID 12/06 0420 [=0920 UT] Heard non stop 70's and 80's light rock music. Possible ID by a man around 0436 but could not make it out. I checked to make sure it was not an image of a local. Rare station here on 1710 but of course no ID heard. Any help would be greatly appreciated. 73 and Best of DX (Shawn Axelrod, VE4DX1SMA, VE4002SWL, WRH and WRTH Collector, REMEMBER ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN HEAR FOREVER, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Hi Shawn, I listen to this one streaming and they do announce as AM 1710 (I have assumed they do not broadcast over the air, but who knows?). They occasionally play music . . . See their bandscan at: <http://radio.macinmind.com/amdial.php> (Eric FlodÈn, BC, ibid.)

But what are the chances these two are the same? This one is in Antioch IL (Glenn Hauser, DXLD) The station is only a 100 milliwatt part 15, so I doubt that's it (Paul B Walker Jr, IL, NRC-AM via DXLD) ? How do you know they are complying with Part 15?? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Shawn, were you able to ascertain the direction the signal was coming from? The only thing I have heard on 1710 is Lubavitscher [NYC] but there is the Creole station out of Boston, as well. Hearing 70's and 80's music leads me to believe that we may have a new pirate on this frequency (Mark Coady, ODXA yg via DXLO)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4695-SSB, Dec 7 at 0613, caught my ear since the intonation sounded like a broadcast rather than 2-way; language tentatively Korean, but then there were pauses, and nothing further heard (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4820.76 --- see AFRICA?

UNIDENTIFIED. 4927 at 1456 4 Dec with seemingly Hindi songs. Signal problems and bad modulation with levels from S2 to S5 (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, Dec 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5000, right after the WWV propagation info finished at 18 past the hour, circa 1318:30, Dec 3, I heard a bit of CW, but not prepared to copy. I wonder if this is when BPM China identifies; must be alert for it again. 5030 was in well from Beijing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, I noted your observations regarding UNID on 5000. Please note the following in DXLD 9-061:

``CHINA. 5000, BPM, 1227-1230, August 16, distinct sound of being out of sync; BPM UT1 'pips/'beeps' along with WWVH and WWV UTC 'tics'. Morse code (CW) and spoken ID. Thanks to Jari Savolainen of Finland for IDing the audio I sent him and his comments: iI think BPM announces every H+29 and H+59. First ten times BPM in morse, then female voice three times BPM and the time announcementi (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

Attached is an audio clip made December 5. Best regards, (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, DX LISTEING DIGEST) So not BPM that I heard (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5005, 1140, Nov 30. Weak carrier with hints of audio at imagination level; very poor; possibly Nepal with nice greyline to New Hampshire? (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-545, RX-350D, MLB1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5010, 0135~0143, 12/5/09. Man talking at peaks of a signal which poked itself out of the static floor for a half minute, every couple of minutes. It sounded like a prepared talk rather than a 2 way conversation. In a Romance language, but I could not say which one (Spanish or Portuguese were top runners). I could see the signal on the G313is spectrum scope until about 0145. The signal did not reappear by 0200 (Mark Taylor, Madison, WI, R-75, Winradio g313e, Eton E1, Satllit 800, Kaito 1103; 2 Flextennas, EWE, attic mounted Flextenna, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

Maybe Dominican Republic, R. Pueblo on late; or could be a 3 x 1670 harmonic; or a 1.5 x 3340, i.e. Honduras sesquiharmonic (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5956.78v to 5957.77, 0935-0945, December 09, Andean music non stop, 34333 ønew frequency for Radio Pio XII? Now at 2335 UT I hear Radio Pio XII in 5952.17 KHz (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6045, 1203 8 Nov, VT Communications, test transmission, short music and announcement loop, English, SIO 444 (Alan Roe, Teddington, Middlesex, England, Dec BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6074, 8GAL weak but identifiable with usual V/CQ marker, and a good thing I intuned early as it already started about 15 sex before 1400:00 Dec 4 as Russia was about to go off. But strangely, nothing heard from either China which are usually already ramping up their radio war a few minutes before and to dominate 6075 thence (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also RUSSIA; TAIWAN

UNIDENTIFIED. 6925, Dec 5 at 1325 melodic unrecognized song, poor signal to 1327* off with no announcement. No doubt a pirate; I think WBNY has been active in the mornings, but not much to go on here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Here's a frequency and time match, but not a date match: (gh)
Radio GaGa, 6925 usb, 1325-1334 11/29, SINPO 35444. Just caught the sign off of radio GaGa (Ragnar Danskjold, location unknown, Free Radio Weekly Dec 5 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. Saharan radio station on 7105 kHz, 1900-2100 UT

Hi dear Tarek, may you can listen to the attached recording on PERSEUS

7105 kHz at 2100 UT, Dec 7th, announced with Saharan instrument music and like "Radio ???Adar???" ID ? from Tunis / Libya / Sahara area [Chad / Sudan] observed scheduled 1900-2100 UT.

I guess I read an item of Radio Andar / Andr in dxld / hcdx / DXpress???? recently ...

I hear also something mentioning "Mauritania" on the recording ??
73 wolfy (Wolfgang B,schel, to Tarek Zeidan, via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The tones sound similar to Chad interval signal. Hard to say, I'm sure Tarek can tell us what they are saying (Jari Savolainen, Finland, ibid.)

Hello my friends, sorry for the late reply, this is Tunisia. I didn't understand what the lady was saying to be honest, but the announcer started with the brief news, he started the news by saying the name of the Tunisian president zen alabdeen ben ali. Wonder what are they doing on that frequency ??? All the best, guys (Tarek Zeidan, Aalborg, Denmark, Dec 8, ibid.)

Mixing product! 7345 leapfrog over 7225 another 120 kHz down (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Hello, many, many thanks to Tarek Zeidan SU1TZ. I had similar thoughts some 4 weeks ago - after B-09 season started - , when the IARU Bandwatch asked me on this matter. I calculated all Arabic and non-Arabic transmission frequencies of IRIB Tehran Kamalabad and Sirjan and had a glimpse also on the 7 MHz frequencies of Tunisia.

This is a 'normal' intermodulation on Tunisian transmitter location Sfax, 34 49'20.37"N -- 10 51'08.21"E in screenshot right upper corner on NorthEast.

<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=34.822325&lon=10.852281&z=17.9&r=0&src=yh>
1430 kilometers distance, 176 degrees, here in south-western Germany location.

7225 to Europe[and NoAM?] and 7345 kHz to Nord-West / West Africa, Sahara area.

7105 but possibly also via symmetric 7465 kHz too [Albania frequency!]

7225 RTV.TUNISIA 1800-2210 daily Arabic 500kW 340degr Sfax TUN RTT b09
7345 RTV.TUNISIA 2000-0010 daily Arabic 500kW 265degr Sfax TUN RTT b09
(aoki)

No exact transmission schedule of RTT Tunis, rather very lax and easy-going on their Start-and Stop times. If the log time 19-21 UT on 7105

is correct, start on 7345 kHz should be already at 1900 UT, and 7225 kHz ends already at v2110 UT Stop time. wb df5sx (Wolfgang B.schel, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7295 --- > I have a commercial sounding Asiatic station with a poor-fair signal on 7295 kHz. I wonder what this might be. Haven't DXed SW in a while, though today condx were excellent. I had some Middle Eastern stations earlier, but now this is one of the very few stations that stands out and my PWBR is outdated. May the good DX be with you! (Bogdan Chiochiu in Pierrefonds, QC, 1346 UT Dec 5, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Everyone's PWBR is outdated. Check this:

<http://www.geocities.jp/binewsjp/bib09.txt>

Assuming this was at 1346 UT, it's surely CNR1 jamming VOA in Chinese. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. A station in Chinese is heard daily signing on at 1230 on 13703 kHz. The program consists mainly of talk by both male and female announcers and some instrumental musical interludes in traditional style. Mentions Australia from time to time. On some occasions, strong signals of about S 4, as noted on Dec. 7th, normally 2 to 3. A sort of identification with "Kwangpo tientai" comes regularly at about 1245, but I don't understand the rest of it. Sign-off time is certainly after 1300, maybe 1315, but usually gets lost in the noise by then. So, that's all for today. i will try to make another recording on 13703 later on, propagation appears not to be bad today. Good DX and best 73s (Robert Foerster, Germany, Dec 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

See AOKI:

13695*VOICE OF TIBET 1330-1400 1234567 Tibetan	250	70
Dhabbya UAE 05415E2410N VOTi b09 VT		
13700*VOICE OF TIBET 1230-1245 1234567 Chinese	100	131
Dushanbe-Yangiyul TJK 06848E3829N VOTi b09 13682-13708		
13700*VOICE OF TIBET 1245-1300 1234567 Tibetan	100	131
Dushanbe-Yangiyul TJK 06848E3829N VOTi b09		
13700*VOICE OF TIBET 1300-1315 1234567 Chinese	100	131
Dushanbe-Yangiyul TJK 06848E3829N VOTi b09		
(via gh, DXLD) Or maybe not; follow-up in next issue		

UNIDENTIFIED. 14000, FRG-7 puts an internal birdie/carrier on even MHz, but along with it Dec 9 at 1456 I was hearing other stuff; bit of talk, tone, ``testing 1-2-3-4'', and V on CW; the latter could be from a real ham at 14001 or so. 1501 the talk on 14000 was more audible, in English and soon matched S9+22 signal from 13740, CRI via Habana. May have just been cross-modulation in receiver (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 21575, at 0710 28 Oct, ``La Isla Bonita`` songs, Middle Eastern, Turkey? SI0 433 (Chrissy Brand, Pefki, Rhodes, Dec BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) Nothing anywhere anytime scheduled. Weren't you a bit too close to Turkey? (gh)

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

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I listen to World of Radio each week and it is a shame that you have ceased writing for Monitoring Times as it provided a concise monthly summary of the top stories from DXLD. Have a good Christmas and a happy New Year. Regards, (Kevin Ryan, Dec 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, I haven't checked DXLD in some time, mostly because I haven't been too serious about shortwave of late, but while recovering from a serious auto accident I have some time on my hands, so I thought I'd take a look. As usual, a truckload of material to read through and I just wanted to let you know that I appreciate the huge labor you put into this. It took me about two hours to plow through it. Maybe that's the real reason I haven't been reading DXLD - it's impossible to skim quickly! (Jim Renfrew, Holley NY)

Hi Jim, Yes, I read about your accident and offer my wishes for complete recovery ASAP. [he has to wear a halo and sleep sitting up]

DXLDs would not be so big if I could get caught up with everything more often than once a week, like I used to, 3 or 4 smaller issues a week, but it's a struggle to manage that in time for a World of Radio produxion.

Appreciate your appreciation. You could spread out the plowing thru a whole week, if you like. 73, (Glenn to Jim, via DXLD)

I'm still in the halo, and hope to have it off next week, replaced with a hard collar. This will allow me to have my first shower in 2 months! I hope to be back on the job after Christmas. Not sure when I can begin driving. Fortunately, everyone is encouraging me to take the time I need to get better (Jim Renfrew, Dec 9, IRCA via DXLD)

PUBLICATIONS

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WORLD RADIO TV HANDBOOK 2010

WRTH are proud to present the 64th edition of the best-selling

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World Radio TV Handbook or WRTH is now in its 64th year. It is the most accurate and complete guide to the world of radio on LW, MW, SW and FM, available in any form.

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Frequency Lists - This section contains MW frequency lists grouped by frequency within regions, lists of all international and domestic SW broadcasts in frequency order, and international SW broadcasts in English, French, German, Portuguese and Spanish, and DRM transmissions shown by UTC.

Television - The TV section has details of the main terrestrial national broadcasters, large regional networks, and some local stations, arranged alphabetically by country.

Reference - This section has tables and listings of: International and Domestic Transmitter sites, Standard Time and Frequency Transmissions, DX Club information, International Organisations, and other essential information.

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(via Andrea Borgnino IW0HK - HB9EMK, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

Mine arrived Dec 8. Essential, could not do without it! (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The postman has just delivered mine, 672 pages of fascinating information. It would be a tragedy if this publication ceased - so please ask Santa if you haven't ordered one yet, its "The World's Most Comprehensive and Up-to-Date Guide to Broadcasting" - the definitive and indispensable guide. 73s (Mike Terry, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SHORTWAVEOLOGY.COM

Time again for our Website of the Week, when we showcase interesting and innovative online destinations.

ORTM Mauritania (:08 fade and hold under)

That clip is from the shortwave broadcasts of ORTM in Mauritania. Shortwave radio, I'm sorry to report, has been in decline for years now. It's hard to compete with MP3 players, FM radio, and the Internet. But there's still enough to keep David Goren interested.

He's a radio producer and engaged shortwave hobbyist, and he posts some of what he hears on Shortwaveology.com.

GOREN: "It's still a lifeline, and I think one reason why I started Shortwaveology now is, even though the heyday of shortwave radio listening has passed, it's still happening, and it's sort of an interesting moment to look at the history of it, and to look at what remains and why."

Goren's site features a podcast, clips from some interesting stations, and selections from some of his own radio work on shortwave themes, from the presumed spy stations that broadcast nothing but numbers, to the electronic hash of data transmissions, to VOA's legendary jazz host, the late Willis Conover.

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Mysteries of shortwave radio explored at Shortwaveology.com, or get the link from our site, VOAnews.com.

MUSIC: Llanera aircheck from Radio Táchira, San Cristóbal, Venezuela (1999)

You're listening to Our World, the weekly science and technology magazine from VOA News. I'm Art Chimes in Washington (from transcript of Our World,
<http://www1.voanews.com/english/news/science-technology/Our-World--5--December-2009--78524532.html>
via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia; also via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

NUEVO BLOG DE YANDYS CERVANTES R., DENTROCUBANO

Saludos amigos, Por situaciones ajenas a mi voluntad perdí el otro blog que tenía; acabo de armar uno nuevo y espero que ustedes me apoyen con sus visitas, bueno, si quieren jajaja. Mi nuevo blog es:
<http://yandys.blogspot.com>

Saludos cordiales y feliz DX ñ (Yandys Cervantes Rodríguez, Ing. en Telecomunicaciones y Electrónica, logsderadio yg via DXLD)

He gets off to a good start by condemning Radio Martí and praising TeleSur. And then attacks the very famous Cuban dissident blogger.

Unfortunately, a couple comments appended by a reader point out that there is no freedom of expression in Cuba. How long can those be allowed to stand? I'd better reproduce them here before it's too late, sic:

``3 de diciembre de 2009 19:43 aurelio dijo...
te aplaudo yandys bravo por ti pero ten cuidado como te expresas con eso de la libertad de eexpression acuerdate hermano que tu no vives en un pais libre sino en una dictadura donde solo hay espacio para los que piensan como ellos sin respetar las opiniones de los demas yo visite donde tu vives en los 80s y es muy bonito lugar dios quiera algun dia los cubanos todos nos poramos dar un abrazo fraternal en una cuba donde todas las opiniones cuenten

``3 de diciembre de 2009 14:49 aurelio dijo...
yo no estoy de acuerdo en algunas cosas la prensa capitalista tergiversa a veces muchas noticias en eso estamos de acuerdo pero en la cuba de hoy desafortunadamente hay una censura total ya que no hay libertad de prensa porque no hay diarios independientes debido a que el regimen comunista clausuro por la fuerza todos estos diarios violando todo tipo de libertad de expresion opinion y prensa entonces de que estamos hablando`` (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

XE2ITX --- MIS SITIOS SOBRE RADIO Y DIEXISMO EN INTERNET.

Saludos. Solo para comunicar sobre mis sitios nuevos y p.ginas Web nuevas en Internet. Bueno, no son nuevas la mayorÌa, m.s bien las cambiÈ de sitio debido al cierre de las empresas que antes me dieron alojamiento gratuito en Internet.

Este es mi sitio sobre la radio, el diexismo y la radioaficiÛn (mi "hobby" predominante todavia) <http://galeon.com/diexismo/principal.htm>

De lo anterior, para mirar algunos obsequios recibidos por mÌ, de radiodifusoras internacionales. <http://recibidodelaradio.blogspot.com/>

Ni te rÌas, aunque est. divertido... antenas elaboradas en casa por puros diexistas, muchos de ellos no saben que son diexistas, ni nada del diexismo! <http://antenasautoconstruidas.blogspot.com/>

De los Encuentros Diexistas en MÈxico, yo he ido a 14 de quince de ellos... <http://encuentrosdx.blogspot.com/>

No tiene que ver nada con el dexismo, solo que es el lugar en donde vivo y es un muy buen lugar para hacer diexismo en ondas cortas.
<http://galeon.com/ciudadascension/principal.htm>

Tampoco es sobre diexismo, pero algunos lugares de los siguientes son

muy buenos para practicar el diexismo, eso ya lo comprobé m-s de una vez! Para conocer sitios turísticos sobre Chihuahua, este blog es recomendable -así ya me lo calificó un empresario promotor turístico de Chihuahua- para ver algo nuevo. Cuidado: no mirar mucho tiempo las imágenes, puede ser motivo de salir corriendo para allí a conocer.
<http://chihtour.blogspot.com/>

Finalmente, mi sitio sobre Enya, - a quien escuché por primera vez practicando el diexismo - cantante y compositora irlandesa: m-s de 20 años siendo mi artista favorita.

<http://galeon.com/enyaceleste/principal.htm>

PD. Algunas páginas requieren pequeñas actualizaciones y correcciones, que se las daré poco a poco. Todos los sitios son de carácter educativo. La publicidad que ahí aparezca es puesta por los dueños de los sitios.

Un plan a mediano plazo: escribir -yo- un libro sobre diexismo. ¿Qué opinas?

Feliz fin de semana. Cordiales 73 y muy buenos DX (Miguel Angel XE2ITX, Dec 4, noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

It seems that galeon will attempt to regale you with popups (gh)

Saludos. Por un error mío, no copié bien los enlaces a mis sitios con contenidos sobre diexismo en Internet en mi mensaje anterior.

Bien, pues les invito a entrar al siguiente sitio, ahí encontrarán los enlaces correctamente funcionando. En cada uno de los blogs sobre diexismo encontrarán también todas las direcciones a mis cuatro sitios sobre diexismo. <http://galeon.com/diexismo/autor.htm>
(Miguel Angel, Dec 5, noticias dx yg via dXLD)

H-Net Review Publication: 'Yiddish Radio, Narrowly Defined'
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Ari Y. Kelman. STATION IDENTIFICATION: A CULTURAL HISTORY OF YIDDISH RADIO IN THE UNITED STATES. Berkeley University of California Press, 2009. 304 pp. \$39.95 (cloth), ISBN 978-0-520-25573-9.

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Yiddish Radio, Narrowly Defined

At the outset of any new project, a researcher must make the

methodological choice between depth or breadth. Does one focus intently upon a particular phenomenon, defined as narrowly as possible, or does one cast the net over a wide terrain, seeking to show how this particular subject operates within some broader context?

Building from a 2003 dissertation on the history of Yiddish radio, Ari Kelman made the choice (deliberate or not) to go for depth. To achieve this goal, he mined a variety of resources, including newspaper and trade journal articles (in both Yiddish and English), personal memoirs, recordings, government documents, and fan letters. Kelman seeks not only to document what was aired on Yiddish-language radio programs, but more importantly, how these programs functioned within the American Jewish experience. To this end, Kelman argues that Yiddish programs helped American Jews define the boundaries of their community, even within a commercialized communications medium that was said to have a homogenizing effect. The mingling of English and Yiddish on such programs (which became more common as the years passed), did play a role in assimilating eastern European Jews, but not as deliberately as government regulators may have hoped.

The first Yiddish-language programs developed in the mid-1920s and became common in the following decade (along with programs in a variety of non-English languages). Saturdays were the low point of the week, as observant Jews refrained from using electricity (and thus the radio). Sundays, by contrast, were the high point, since many English-language programs on other stations were of a Christian nature or otherwise devoted to serious matters.

Nearly all of the programs were devoted to music, including translations of popular English-language tunes. Also popular were advice programs, foreshadowing such modern fare as *Oprah* or *Dr. Phil*, while a series of "Rabbi-judge" shows foreshadowed the current proliferation of courtroom-reality shows. Yiddish programming was most common in the Northeast and Chicago, with New York City the unquestionable center of the phenomenon. New York station WEVD is referenced so often that it could have been justifiably named in the book's subtitle.

While many listeners enjoyed Yiddish programming, those responsible for bringing the material to the airwaves did not hold it in high regard. Some writers even refrained from using their real names lest they taint their reputations. Performers likewise viewed these programs as mere stepping stones towards bigger opportunities, or as promotions for stage performances. Even WEVD, the protagonist of this narrative, relegated this programming to its heavily commercialized daytime hours, airing more polished English-language shows in the evening.

During the early years of radio, excessive advertising was disdained by regulators, though small stations relied on the sponsorship of local businesses to stay afloat. This situation produced a conundrum for Yiddish programs: was an advertisement from a local kosher butcher simply a commercial or a valuable service to the community? Where regulators may have heard excessive commercialism, supporters of the community heard important cultural messages.

The amount of Yiddish heard over American airwaves declined during World War II, as did all non-English language programming. A handful of programs survived into the 1970s, though the phenomenon that Kelman documents (or at least the aspect of the phenomenon that he is most passionate about) peaked in the 1930s.

Unfortunately, the decision to go for depth instead of breadth diminishes the quality of the work, as we do not gain enough contextual information to fully understand the phenomenon of Yiddish radio. More information could have been included, for example, about the status of Jews in America during these decades, or about larger changes within the radio industry (beyond the acknowledgement that the rise of television encouraged stations to play more records).

But beyond the lack of contextual information (a charge that could admittedly be leveled against almost any historical work), a more significant weakness is the failure to fully explore relevant academic scholarship. To provide the general history of radio, for example, Kelman relied upon a handful of key works, ignoring a great many books and articles that explore closely related phenomena, including the animosity towards foreign-language programming, government efforts to control such broadcasts during World War II, and listeners' ambivalent reactions to the growth of radio advertising.

And, while no previous scholar has studied Yiddish radio in such detail, previous scholars have indeed studied the use of mass media by minority populations in the United States. Scholars have studied, among other topics, the relationship between African Americans and radio, the growth of Spanish-language programming, and the role of radio stations on Native American reservations. Stepping outside the confines of radio history, other scholars have studied diasporic communities around the globe and their use of media.

This critique is not to suggest that Kelman should have looked at all of this related scholarship, but surely at least some of it is relevant, given that these works explore the same theoretical issues. Is the history of Yiddish radio so unique that it shares nothing in common with these other related phenomena? And if it does indeed

differ, how so and in what ways?

As it stands, Kelman has produced what is likely to be the definitive work on Yiddish radio, though the fact that it fails to incorporate or respond to so much existing literature limits its value to those who are not already interested in radio and/or Jewish history.

Citation: Noah Arceneaux. Review of Kelman, Ari Y., *_Station Identification: A Cultural History of Yiddish Radio in the United States_*. Jhistory, H-Net Reviews. December, 2009.
URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=26075>

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<http://www.h-net.org/~jhistory> (via Kittrell Rushing, Dec 4, DXLD)

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BBC TATSFIELD MEASUREMENT & RECEIVING STATION 1961 PAMPHLET

Update on the [bbceng.info](http://www.bbceng.info) site:

The Receivers link in the menu above has pointed to a blank page since this web site started. I am delighted to report that, thanks to Vaino Lehtoranta, it now records an important part of BBC engineering history. The word Tatsfield used to strike fear into the minds of many BBC Technical Assistants like me, as one of the functions of this Receiving Station was to check that operators had set up BBC HF transmitters correctly. In reality Tatsfield carried out a valuable function which contributed to the BBC's reputation for high quality services. Martin Ellen

Photographs and a pdf of a 17 page booklet produced by the BBC Engineering Information department in March 1961 at:
http://www.bbceng.info/Operations/Receivers/receivers_Top.htm

The site is now derelict. 2008 visit reports and photos:
<http://www.derelictplaces.co.uk/main/showthread.php?t=6231>
<http://www.derelictplaces.co.uk/main/showthread.php?t=6808>

From the preview of History of International Broadcasting Volume 1 by James Wood at Google books:

On 18 July 1948 Woofferton came back on the air with all six transmitters again working at full power... VOA programmes from its studios in Washington were relayed across the Atlantic by shortwave,

picked up at the BBC Tatsfield receiving station and then relayed over Post Office land lines to Woofferton.

All of the chapter on the Woofferton shortwave station is available on Google preview, pages 96-104:

<http://books.google.co.uk/books?id=9HXY4stojmYC&pg=PA101&dq=woofferton&ei=j54bS6WeNZXGywS2tuG-Aw>
(via Mike Barraclough, dxldyg via DXLD)

The map on page 108 shows Radio Bras as one of the relay stations; I don't remember VOA ever using Brasília. It's not in the table on pages 112-114 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Indeed, Tatsfield was highly respected (and, as Martin Ellen says, feared) inside the BBC. When it closed, many of the engineers there transferred to Crowsley Park, the technical part of BBC Monitoring. It wasn't always a happy marriage. When I worked there in the 1970's, one of my jobs was to call the engineer on duty if the monitor complained that the signal being fed to him was poor and difficult to read. The reactions varied - one engineer in particular was always quite offended that this young guy in his 20's should have the audacity to tell him, an experienced engineer, that the signal he was feeding wasn't up to par. I had the impression that, when on that particular job, some of the engineers felt it was beneath their dignity to be told what to do by non-engineers. I suspect those who least liked the work had come from Tatsfield, where they didn't have to deal with non-engineers :-)

Actually, Tatsfield did not close till 1982, but we definitely has some ex-Tatsfield engineers on the staff at Crowsley (Andy Sennitt, Netherlands, ODXA yg via DXLD)

WORLD OF HOROLOGY

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One thing which aided station identification was the time signals which are aired by each country. While I realise this will not provide positive station identification for some DXers, it proves that the stations themselves were getting through. Time signals are like Morse code in the way that they are able to penetrate the noise, even when very weak, and the time signals of China, Korea and Japan are very distinctive.

Tim Bucknall explains: "The Japanese (NHK) & Korean time pips (they only have one pip each) were measured at 875 Hz. They are virtually identical and longer than other countryis pips. A distinctive characteristic of these is that they gradually fade out. Also note that Japanese & Korean time pips are always on time. Chinese six pips

are sometimes late and were heard as much as 16 seconds after the top of the hour.

Useful characteristics of the Chinese pips are that the first five pips were measured at 800 Hz and the sixth pip at 1600 Hz - one octave higher! The Taiwanese stations we heard did not have time pips.

Also worthy of note is that some of the Russian time pips are also late, particularly the Siberian stations. i.e. Surgut on 225 kHz was 2 seconds late when heard by Tim on the 18th Nov. We were amazed to note that sometimes two and as many as three different Chinese transmitters were heard on some frequencies. 540 was a good example where three sets of pips were heard, all a few seconds apart from each other. We have listed these in the log as "multi tx.î.

Tim also adds: iapparently the domestic national network on LW is R Rossi, and Gollos Rossi is that External Russian service on 1323, 1143 kHz etc that gets relayed in the former Soviet republics, but I think they even carry the same news bulletins!î (Paul Crankshaw; Troon, Ayrshire, UK, Perseus SDR, EWE, RPA-1 pre-amp, MFJ-1025 Phaser (modified), Dec MW News via DXLD)

LANGUAGE LESSONS See also CUBA: lemme

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890 in MA --- Is it back on with Spanish. I hear rumours (Saul Chernos, Ont., Dec 5, amfmtvdx at qth.net via DXLD)

Darn Brits, Aussies, and Canadians. It's r-u-m-or-s (Thomas Kraft, ibid.)

I had never considered it, but perhaps we Brits, Aussies and Canadians can finally reclaim the U.S. Not by military or economic means - so boorish - but by imposing our language. This has tremendous possibilities. You'll have to dismantle your antennae, or antennas as you call them, and erect aerials to enhance your wireless reception. This shall be delightful indeed.

I can only wonder how much dedicated effort it will take before American spelling is harmonised - yes, harmonised - with spelling from the Empire. No need for you blokes to rush to hasty judgements or be overly sceptical. You'll still be able to jolly along and lay out longwire. But, in metre lengths. And we shall let you retain a few words of American - mostly for southern cuisine (oops, sorry, the French wasn't deliberate, even though it's de rigueur in Quebec). The deep south can be so pleasing to the palate (so sorry, how clumsy I am today). Bangers and mash can get, well, a tad tiresome after awhile.

DX reports will refer to news presenters, not anchors, and you'll still be a boob but you'll be watching the telly, or 'the box'. You'll wear dungarees while penning reception reports. And, we're reasonably certain you'll enjoy our version of football and won't miss that silly, oval-shaped ball. You'll quaff bitters, not Bud. And toast your Queen.

Please do not take offence. All this may perchance seem a tad barmy at first. But it'll sort itself out. Yes, the British are coming, indeed we're closer than you realise, but we know you'll keep a stiff upper lip. Toodle doo and top of the morning, The High Commissioner (Saul Chernos, *ibid.*)

Very clever, Saul, but maybe a little intimidating. Or, in "deep south", "Hey boy, you messin' with me?" (Brian Goodrich, Greensboro, NC, *ibid.*)

Saul, What an amazing reply! Tongue in cheek, of course, but very witty! As a former high-school English teacher, I loved to point out the many differences between American English and British English to my students. I even used shortwave radio, tuned to the BBC World Service, to add to my lesson content. Thanks for the smiles on a dreary Saturday! 73, (Steve N5WBI Ponder, Houston TX, *ibid.*)

Thanks. It's amazing how DXer teachers have used radio (broadcast, ham) in the classroom, everything from geography to science! (Saul Chernos, *ibid.*)

That was a very "colourful" rebuttal Saul. Us Montanans of course think we speak the clearest American. Not clouded by any Southern drawl or south Joysey(Jersey) dialect. Supposed to be well below zero here this week and I don't mean celsius either Saul! Have a great day all (Tom Kraft, Billings, MT, *ibid.*)

Thank you. That's only because Montana is so close to Alberta and Saskatchewan, so you have to be on your best behaviour. Otherwise you risk finding yourself somewhere where Celsius and Fahrenheit meet. Just ask Jimmy Hoffa (speaking of Joysey). Some rest in piece. I rest my case. ;-) (Saul Chernos, *ibid.*)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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PROPOSALS FROM WHITE SPACES DATABASE MANAGERS INVITED

The FCC's Office of Engineering and Technology has invited proposals from entities seeking to be designated as "TV Band Device Database Managers." These folks will create databases showing which channels

can be used at which locations across the U.S. by unlicensed white space data transmission devices.

When white space devices are unleashed in quantity, over-the-air TV DXing will generally become a thing of the past.

http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-09-2479A1.doc
(CGC Communicator Dec 3 via Kevin Redding, ABX via DXLD)

FCC ANXIOUS TO GRAB TV SPECTRUM FOR WIRELESS INTERNET

This item is relatively new and separate from the white spaces proceeding mentioned above. The idea is to permanently reallocate TV broadcast spectrum for wireless broadband use. The FCC reportedly thinks enough of the idea to take it to the next bureaucratic level by preparing a public notice in which it will ask broadcasters and other interested parties for specific comments on how a spectrum takeover might work.

Obviously, broadcasters are strongly opposed to the idea of getting rid of their over-the-air channels in whole or in part (see second URL below) -- a seemingly absurd idea in light of the recent conversion to DTV, the previous give-back of Channels 52-69 and the upcoming addition of Mobile TV.

<http://www.tvnewscheck.com/articles/2009/11/30/daily.8/>

<http://tinyurl.com/CashForSpectrum>

(CGC Communicator Dec 3 via Kevin Redding, ABX via DXLD)

ROEMER FREE HI-Q RECORDER

Next time I hope to go into using a more flexible and free programme for recording audio. If you want to play with it already, this is the one that I am suggesting. It is a small download and available at <http://www.roemersoftware.com/free-sound-recorder.html>

This neat little application will enable you to record medium quality mp3 files only. Once you have got used to using it, you can choose to upgrade to a more fully-featured version that is more flexible and can record higher quality files (Andrew Tett, Ether to Speaker, Dec BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS

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ARRL TALKS TO FCC ABOUT BPL

ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, and General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, have been acquainting FCC Commissioners with the ARRL's position on the regulation of interference from Broadband over

Power Lines (BPL) systems.

They pointed out that interference could become a much greater problem if BPL becomes part of the "smart grid" deployment that is intended to improve the efficiency and reliability of electric power distribution and to reduce peak demand.

Read the full ARRL story --- ARRL CEO, General Counsel Present ARRL's Stance on BPL to FCC Commissioners

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/12/03/11230/?nc=1>

Southgate May 2009 - UK Smart Metering Consultation

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/may2009/smart_metering_consultation.htm

DECC Smart Meter Consultation page

http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/consultations/smart_metering/smart_metering.aspx

(Southgate

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/december2009/arrl_talks_to_fcc_about_bpl.htm
via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

EMC JOURNAL - "WHY OFCOM IS NOT FIT FOR PURPOSE"

Issue 85 of the EMC Journal devotes several pages discussing "why the UK regulator Ofcom is not fit for purpose with regard to Power Line Telecommunications (PLT)".

On page 9 is an article titled

"The Ofcom Saga Why Ofcom is not fit for purpose - the PLT issue"

Page 14 notes that Access BPL (Broadband over Power Line) can seriously interfere with the safety of aircraft flights.

John Woodgate's column on pages 16 and 17 also covers the PLT issue.

In order to download the free PDF copies of the journal it is necessary to register on the website and fill in some words in the usual fields. Registration is instant and although it asks for an email address, nothing is sent there as part of the registration process.

The EMC Journal <http://www.theemcj.com/>

EMC Information Centre <http://www.nutwooduk.co.uk/>

UKQRM is a group fighting the interference PLT causes to peoples' enjoyment of radio <http://www.ukqrm.org/>

BT Vision; the radio interference iceberg
http://www.southgatearc.org/news/august2009/bt_vision_the_radio_interference_iceburg.htm

Homeplug user - 'should I feel guilty about ham radio?
http://www.southgatearc.org/news/august2009/should_i_feel_guilty_about_ham_radio.htm

(Southgate
http://www.southgatearc.org/news/december2009/ofcom_not_fit_for_purpose.htm
via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

PLT "SAVESHORTWAVE" PETITION - THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE PUBLISHED TODAY

The petition to the UK Government at
<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/SaveShortwave2> read:

We the undersigned petition the Prime Minister to require the relevant regulatory authority namely Ofcom to take active and speedy measures to test samples of all makes and types of PLT device and to remove from the UK market all those devices where the sample is found to be non compliant with the requirements of the Electromagnetic Compatibility Regulations 2006. And to take all practicable and necessary steps to prevent anyone placing non compliant PLT devices on the UK market now and in the future. The Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform and Ofcom are familiar with these devices they being widely distributed by a national communications supplier, various high street stores and on the Internet. These devices are used to transfer electronic data via domestic electrical household wiring and the techniques involved in typical use result in harmful interference to short wave radio reception.

Submitted by Mike Trodd of UKQRM - Deadline to sign up by: 24 October 2009 - Signatures: 2,545

Petition update, 09 December 2009

The Prime Minister's Office has responded to that petition and you can view it here: <http://www.number10.gov.uk/Page21654>

Read the Government's response

Thank you for the E-petition about testing Power Line Technology (PLT) equipment. The Department for Business Innovation and Skills is responsible for the Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Regulations 2006. Enforcement powers are delegated to local Trading Standards offices and to the Regulator, the Office of Communications (Ofcom),

where there is a radio spectrum protection or management issue. Ofcom is the body responsible for the management of the civil radio spectrum in the UK.

In the last twelve months Ofcom have received 143 individual PLT interference complaints about inability to receive radio transmissions in the High Frequency (HF) band (3 to 30 MHz). Of these, 121 have been investigated and referred to the apparatus supplier who has resolved 104. The solutions employed include replacing the apparatus, hard wiring and conventional wireless alternatives.

As a result of the Regulator's investigations which found no breach of the EMC requirements, Ofcom decided against taking further enforcement action at this time. Ofcom is therefore working to reduce any negative effects in individual cases with BT, the largest supplier, and with Comtrend UK Ltd, which supplies the apparatus as part of the BT Vision package.

Further information about PLT and Ofcom may be found on their website:
<http://www.ofcom.org.uk/radiocomms/ifi/enforcement/plt/>

On the available evidence, we do not believe an outright ban of all powerline equipment is justified.

Ofcom can provide advice and assistance to those who complain of interference with radio communications equipment. Any individuals who wish to report specific cases of interference that may be caused by PLT apparatus, or any other source, should contact Ofcom's Advisory Team on 0300 123 3333 for further assistance.

(via John Faulkner, Skywavesmw skywavesmw@yahoogroups.co.uk via Mike Terry, UK, Dec 9, dxldyg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM see also ALASKA! AUSTRALIA, BANGLADESH,
+++++ CZECHIA, GERMANY, GUYANA, INDIA!
MAURITANIA, ROMANIA, RUSSIA, PUBLICATIONS: WRTH

Hi Glenn, Just read DXLD and was surprised to see my contribution to Monitoring Matters included! Thanks for putting it in. I sometimes feel that the SWL/DX community attack DRM because they feel it is expected of them? When I am in my home office I listen to the BBCWS/DW English service on DRM and it provides crystal clear solid reception for 99% of the time. Regards, (Kevin Ryan, Dec 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Positive feedback from the EBU/DRM Conference

London, 2nd December 2009: DRM digital radio technology received great interest from the 80 delegates present at the DRM Conference organised

by the European Broadcasting Union in Geneva. The conference, held on 26th November 2009, was attended by participants from 25 countries (mainly from Europe but also from as far afield as Chile and Australia) who represented all broadcasting stake holders including regulators, broadcasters, equipment and chipset manufacturers. . .

DRM Consortium Press Release. Pictures at:
<http://www.drm.org/news/detail/news/positive-feedback-from-the-ebudrm-conference/>
Download the presentations here : http://tech.ebu.ch/events/ebu_drm09
(via Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, India, dxldyg via DXLD)

PROPAGATION
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THE 2009 GEMINID METEOR SHOWER
NASA Science News for December 8, 2009

The annual Geminid meteor shower has been intensifying, and researchers say 2009 could be the best year yet. This year's display peaks on Dec. 13th and 14th. FULL STORY at http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2009/08dec_geminids.htm?list1066436
(via Mike Terry, Dec 8, dxldyg via DXLD)

The geomagnetic field was quiet throughout the period. Solar wind observations from the ACE spacecraft showed the onset of a co-rotating interaction region early on 06 December, which was followed by the onset of a very weak high speed stream. The high speed stream velocities averaged around 380 km/s, and slowly declined thereafter. The high speed stream was associated with an isolated northern recurrent coronal hole as observed in solar EUV imagery.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 09 DEC 2009 - 04 JAN 2010

Solar activity is expected to be predominantly very low with just a slight chance for brief periods of low. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal background levels through the period.

The geomagnetic field is expected to be quiet for 9-17 December. An increase to quiet to unsettled levels is expected on 18 December due to a recurrent high speed stream. Quiet levels are expected to predominate for the remainder of the outlook period.

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Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center

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# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
# http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html
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(SWPC Dec 8 via WORLD OF RADIO 1490, DXLD) ####